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INDICT SHELDON AT DEATH'S DOOR

Deposed President of Phoenix Company Charged With Larceny.

THEFTS AGGREFATE $45,000

Accused Has Not Been Arrested But Detectives Are Watching His Home—Suffering From Pto-Maine Poisoning.

New York, Dec. 8.—George Preston Sheldon, deposed president of the Phoenix (fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, lying at death's door at his Greenwich, Conn., home was indicted for larceny in the first degree by the grand jury in New York today for alleged misappropriation of funds of the company of which he was the head for 62 years.

As Sheldon was not arrested and probably will not be unless his health improves radically, the text of the indictment was not made public, but an official of the district attorney's office is authority for the statement that the amount which Sheldon is accused of stealing is $45,000.

According to this official Sheldon, it was testified before the grand jury, used the funds or credit of the Insurance company in stock market transactions through a New York brokerage firm and pocketed the profits.

The grand jury will not investigate the connection of others with alleged speculation with the funds of this company. Only charges against Sheldon have been examined as yet, although the report of the insurance department implicated others.

In the meantime detectives will be sent to Greenwich to inquire into the condition of the accused man's health. If they are satisfied that he is too ill for trial no attempt at extradition will be made, but he will be kept under close surveillance. His condition tonight as reported from Greenwich was critical.

Four exhibits of interest which have figured in the grand jury investigation so far are three drafts for $10,000 each and one of $15,000 alleged profits of speculation which Sheldon is accused of having carried on.

Each of these drafts is made the subject of a count in the indictment.

Sheldon is 64 years old and widely known in insurance circles. He was taken ill with ptomaine poisoning six weeks ago before he was deposed as president of the insurance company.

LEADERS IN BANKING.

Middle Atlantic States Ahead in United States—Report Made.

Washington, Dec 8.—With total resources of $450.19 per capita of population, the banking institutions of the Eastern or Middle Atlantic States lead the country.

The New England States come next with $433.60 per capita, the Pacific States are third with $347.78, the Middle Western fourth with $190.64, the far western fifth with $161.35; the Southern sixth with $71.19 and island possessions tail off with $5.22 per capita. The United States as a whole shows banking resources per capita of $237.24; with the island possessions included the rate is lowered to $215.37.

The comparisons form a feature of a remarkable report issued today by the National Monetary Commission giving the results of an inquiry which not only covers substantially every incorporated bank of any character in the United States; but for the first in the history of American banking presents a tabulation of statements showing the condition of all classes of banks—National, State and savings banks and loan and trust companies—throughout the country at a given hour; namely, the close of business on April 28th, 1909.

The Comptroller of the Currency gets such reports periodically from the National banks, the various State bank commissioners and superintendents get them from the State banks—never before have the facts been taken simultaneously from all the banks of the country.

West Virginia heads the Southern list with a per capita of $112.66; Louisiana follows with $96.61, then in order comes Texas $40.67; Virginia $88.61; Kentucky $86.66; Florida $86.54; Tennessee $71.46; Georgia $64.23; South Carolina $52.84; North Carolina and Alabama each $45.41; Mississippi $45.33; Arkansas $41.14.

CRITICISE RELIEF WORK.

Provisions Are Being Distributed Improperly at Cherry.

Cherry, Ill., Dec. 8.—Criticism of the manner in which the St. Paul mine disaster relief fund is distributed by the local Red Cross Relief Commission, was voiced today by Alderman Schully and Representative Cormack, of Chicago, members of the relief commission. The Chicagoans at the conclusion of their investigation said that the relief supplies are distributed improperly and that many deserving families do not get the supplies due them. The total of eatables now in the storeroom is less than half a carload.

ACTIVITY ON COTTON MARKET

Caused by Census Report Showing Big Decrease in Cotton Ginned This Season—Reaches Highest Price—Statistics.

New York, Dec. 8.—The report of the Census Bureau showing only 8,878,277 bales of cotton ginned to December 1st comparing with 11,008,661 to the same date last season was followed by increased activity and considerable excitement in the cotton market this morning with May contracts selling up to 15.39 or 17 points above the closing figures of last night and at a new high record for the season.

Heavy realizing attributed to some of the leading bulls, caused slight recessions during the morning, but there was a great volume of outside buying and the market showed a very firm tone with bulls claiming that the census figures indicated a government estimate of under 10,250,000 bales. The commercial crop last year was in the neighborhood of 13,000,000 bales.

The market became even more active later in the day with buying orders reaching the ring from all directions while it looked as though some of the larger of the old bulls were re-placing cotton which they had sold below 15 cents in expectation of 16 cents before Christmas.

May contracts sold at 15.50 or $1.40 per bale above the closing bid of last night while August advanced to 14.95 or $2.40 a bale. The close was steady with the general market showing a gain for the day of from 14 to 43 points.

Ginner's Report.

Washington, Dec. 8.—There were 8,878,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909 to December 1st, as compared with 11,008,661 for 1908, according to a bulletin of the Census Bureau issued to day.

These figures count round as half bales and exclude linters. They stand against 8,343,396 for 1907 and 10,027,868 for 1906. The proportion of the last three crops ginned to December 1st is 84.1 per cent. for 1908, 75.5 per cent for 1907 and 77.2 for 1906. Round bales included this year are 133,917 against 201,480 included for 1908 and 154,636 for 1907.

Sea Island bales included are 77,776 for 1909, 68,396 for 1908 and 55,299 for 1907. The distribution of Sea Island by States for 1909 is: Florida 25,016; Georgia 43,118 and South Carolina 8752.

The total cotton crop for 1908 was 13,086,005 and for 1907 11,057,822. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season to November 14th are 8,112,199 bales.

By States the cotton ginned from the 1909 growth to December 1st follows:

Alabama 919,575; Arkansas 613,871; Florida 55,958; Georgia 1,677,232; Louisiana 237,553; Mississippi 866,950; North Carolina 536,163; Oklahoma 504,826; South Carolina 998,340; Tennessee 206,357; Texas 2,212,319. other States 49,133.

RATES WERE UNREASONABLE.

Commerce Cammission Orders Certain Railroads to Make Reduction.

Washington, Dec. 8.—After an investigation extending over a year the Inter-State Commerce Commission announces in an opinion handed down today that the rates charged by the railroads for the transportation of fire brick, building brick and paving brick, from Central Traffic Association tirritory to the Atlantic seaboard were unreasonable and should be reduced.

An order, therefore was issued by the Commission requiring the railways to charge no more than 21 cents a hundred pounds for the transportation of such brick from Central Traffic Association territory to points in the eastern trunk line territory during the two years beginning on the 1st of February next.

The case was brought before the Commission by members of the various kinds of bricks in Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia against practically all of the railway lines operating in the eastern part of the United States. The rate on brick between the territories mentioned heretofore has been an average of 25 cents a hundred pounds.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CHANGES

MacVeagh Declares It is Marching Toward Low Tariffs.

Boson, Mass., Dec. 8.—That the Republican party has changed front and is now marching toward lower tariffs in which movement the Payne Tariff bill is but an incident was the interesting statement made by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh at the annual banquet of the Massachusetts Bankers' Association tonight.

Three hundred persons attended the banquet. Among the other speakers were George E. Roberts, president of the Commercial National Bank, Chicago, and Governor Eben S. Draper.

LOCOMOTIVE WORKERS QUIT.

One Hundred Men Went on Strike in Richmond Yesterday.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—Over 100 men employed in the tank and boiler shops of the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Works walked out today following the issuance of an order changing the system of pay from a daily wage system to a time or bonus system.

There are over 300 men employed in these two departments and the strikers say they will also walk out later.

RALEIGH MOURNS DEATH OF RANEY

Wealthiest and Most Philanthropic Citizen Passed Away Yesterday.

AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Ten Opinions by Supreme Court—Several Charters Issued—Boy Turned Out of Reformatory. Other News Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—R. B. Raney, one of Raleigh's wealthiest, most philanthropic and honored citizens, died this afternoon at 1 o'clock after a brief illness. He had been in poor health several months but there was no cause for special concern so far as the general public knows.

Rumors of serious illness spread yesterday and it became known that Mr. Raney had on last Saturday sustained a stroke of paralysis. Then there were complications from a severe cold that developed pneumonia. He sank steadily all yesterday and last night, but there was a short period of semi-consciousness early this morning. Then a steady decline until he passed peacefully away surrounded by strictly the family and a company of close friends. The funeral will be Thursday afternoon from Christ Church.

Ten opinion were delivered this evening by the Supreme Court as follows: Rhyne vs. Rhyne, Gaston county, affirmed; Hall vs. Jones, Mecklenburg, error; State vs. Staines, Caldwell, new trial; Bryan vs. Hodges, Watauga, modified and affirmed; Little vs. Town of Lenoir, Caldwell, affirmed; Mace vs. Southern Railway, Catawba, affirmed; Lumber Company vs. Triplett, Caldwell, affirmed; Roberts vs. Baldwin, Henderson, reversed; State vs. Pitts, Catawba, per curiam, affirmed on authority of State vs. Ring, 142 N. C. 596; Fowler vs. Railway, Cabarrus, per curiam, affirmed.

The town of Cary, this county, has awarded the contract for the installation of a complete electric lighting plant to supply the lights for the streets and for commercial purposes in lighting stores, offices and residences. The plant is to be installed by The Carolina Electric Co., of this city.

The Southern Land & Trust Co., Ashboro, is chartered with $100,000 capital authorized and $5,000 subscribed by W. M. Worth, F. B. Dancey and others for general real estate and trust business.

Another charter is to The John J. Thrower Co., Red Springs, capital $20,000 auhorized and $7,500 subscribed for mercantile business.

State Superintendent Joyner is preparing for the session of the District Association of County Superintendents of Public Schools in Asheville, December 13th, 14th and 15th. The law requires the attendance of the county superintendents and the meeting is devoted to the study of methods of carrying on the work of the county superintendents and promoting the highest standards of work in the district schools.

On recommendation of Superintendent Walter Thompson, of the Jackson Training School, Governor Kitchin has taken steps to revoke the pardon of William Webster who, though young in years, has a remarkable record for crime, so much so, that he was deemed entirely unfit to associate with the other boys in the reformatory. A little over a year ago he broke into a railroad car in Greensboro and was pardoned from an eight months' sentence for this. Later he broke into cars at Louisburg and then a little later broke into a store at Louisburg and stole a quantity of clothing. Then he was landed in the Jackson Reformatory for a similar crime in Johnston county. Superintendent Thompson believes the boy older than he claims to be and insists that he is entirely too hardened a criminal to associate with the boys in his institution. He will be sent back to Guilford county to complete his sentence from which he was pardoned. Then he will be required to answer for the crimes in other places.

Governor Kitchin says these seems to be some confusion in the minds of many people in the State as to just what bearing the recommendations of the judges and solicitors have in the question of granting pardons. The rules of procedure for applying for pardons provides that "Each application must be accompanied by recommendations from trial judge and solicitor, or a statement that they have been requested and not obtained." The Governor wants it understood that he passes on the pardons himself, and in requiring statements as to the judge and solicitor, merely wants to know the attitude of these officials to the pardon in question.

SMITHFIELD OFFICE.

Confirmation of Postmaster Smith Held Up in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 8.—At the instance of a host of citizens of the town of Smithfield, the confirmation of the appointment of J. C. Smith as postmaster, has been held up by Senator Overman. Charges will be preferred.

If you don't find it elsewhere, try J. T. Burke, the jeweler. dec9tf.

BAPTISTS BUSY IN CONVENTION

Second Day of State Meeting Yesterday at Wadesboro, N. C.

ATTENDANCE VERY LARGE

Missions the General Theme With Many Reports and Addresses by Distinguished Men—Dr. Foster Preaches—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wadesboro, Dec. 8.—One of the first resolutions adopted at this session of the Baptist State Convention was that each morning session during the 79th annual meeting of the body be opened with a devotional service of 30 minutes. In keeping with this resolution, the session this morning opened with such a service, Rev. Baylus Cade, of Boiling Springs, conducting the same. After reading the scripture lesson, Mr. Cade emphasized the thought that the problem of the church in the world today is just the same as it was when Jesus Christ was here upon earth and that Jesus Christ alone is the efficiency and security of the church in solving this problem.

About 400 delegates to the Convention have been enrolled and a good sized congregation was present at 9 o'clock this morning when the devotional service began. The church was comfortably filled when Mr. W. C. Dowd, president of the Convention, took the chair. Additional delegates and visitors to the Convention are arriving on every train, and the promise is that the attendance this year will be as large as that of any other meeting of the Convention, if not the largest in the Convention's history.

Board of Missions.

Mr. Dowd called the Convention to order at 9:30 o'clock. The first report that was submitted was that of the Board of Missions and Sundays School; this report was read by Rev. Livingstone Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions of the State Convention.

This report showed that during the past year the Convention has contributed to State Missions $39,495.20; to Foreign Missions $36,107.22; to Home Missions, $6,080.29; to Sunday School Missions, $2,267.41; to Tichenor Memorial, $613.93; to Ministerial Relief, $5,163.55.

Board of Education.

The next report was that of the Board of Education, Rev. W. R. Cullom reading this report which emphasized especially ministerial education. The report showed that during the past year 64 young men in Wake Forest College have been preparing for the ministry and one has been preparing himself for work as a medical missionary, and during the past year 20 ministers and one medical missionary have been sent out from this college.

Sunday Schools.

President Dowd called to the chair J. H. Tucker at 10 o'clock and he presided during the presentation of the cause of the Sunday school. The report of Sunday Schools and the Sunday School Board was read and adopted. Mr. J. W. Bailey read this report and spoke to the same. Among other things Mr. Bailey said that the higher classes in all Baptist Sunday Schools should study not only the Sunday School lesson, but should study also the principles of Baptist doctrine. The present generation of Baptists, he said, has lost its grip upon Baptist doctrines because the generation just before was brought up in time of battle, which caused as a result liberal education. He said that so far as he was concerned person-

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OUTLINES.

President Taft favored a declaration of policy from Congress instead of bond issue, in his address yesterday to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington. President Ransdell, of the Congress, addressed the delegates in the afternoon——Geo. Preston Sheldon, deposed president of the Phoenix Insurance Company, is in a dying condition at his home at Greenwick, Conn., and was yesterday indicted by a New York jury for larceny——The decrease in the cotton ginned as given in the comparative report of the Census Bureau, yesterday, caused activity on the cotton market——Mrs. Geo. W. Brokaw, was on the stand yesterday in the divorce trial, seeking separation from her husband in New York. Her attorney declared Mrs. Brokaw tried to kill herself while at her North Carolina home——Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, asserted yesterday that the Republican party has changed front and now favors lower tariffs.

New York markets: Money on call firm 4 3-4 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 3-4, closing bid 4 7-8, offered at 5; cotton spot quiet 10 points higher, middling uplands 14.95, middling gulf 15.20; flour quiet with demand disappointing; wheat irregular, No. 2 red 1.25 1-2 asked elevator, No. 2 red 1.25 nominal f. o. b. afloat; corn steady No. 2, 71 1-2 elevator, domestic 72 nominal delivered, 66 f. o. b. afloat; oats spot firm, mixed nominal; turpentine firm, rosin steady.

MURDER IS BELIEF IN SNEAD CASE

Virginia Wardlaw, Southern Woman, is Still Held For Crime.

THE POLICE SEEM BAFFLED

Body of Ocey Snead Buried Yesterday. Orders Arrest of Victim's Mother—Police Believe They Have Solution.

New York, Dec. 8.—The body of Ocey Snead was buried today but an uncompromising inquiry into the manner of her death goes on unabated at East Orange, N. J., where Virginia Wardlaw, her spinster aunt, is held a prisoner pending an investigation by the grand jury.

"Sentiment aside," said the chief of police today, "there remain the brute facts in this case and nothing in explanation of them has been offered. We have a girl found dead in 12 inches of water in a bath tub on the one hand and on the other the woman who last saw her alive, but failed to report her death until 24 hours after it must have been discovered. Aunt and niece lived in the same house; it is incredible that the bathroom could have remained unvisited for that length of time or that in their closely related life one of the two could have been absent so long from the house without arousing the anxiety of the other.

The two basic facts alone are sufficient in themselves to warrant their presentation to the grand jury, even if there were no tangle of insurance to unravel, no diagnosis of malnutrition and hypnosis by a reputable physician, no duplication of wills and no attempted purchase of 'chloroform to kill cats'.

Mayor Cardwell, of East Orange, issued an order this afternoon that Mrs. Carolina Martin, mother of Mrs. Ocey Snead be arrested if found in New Jersey.

"A technical charge of vagrancy could be preferred against her," he said, "and she could be held until this case has been thoroughly aired."

Mrs. Martin, however, has shown no desire to visit New Jersey. She did not appear at the funeral of her daughter today and the only representative of the family at the grave was Mrs. Mary Snead, mother of Fletcher Snead, the missing husband. Heavily veiled and shaken by convulsive sobs there seemed no doubt of her genuine grief.

"We are the most persecuted family in the world," she said after the funeral. "Ocey was a sweet, retiring girl. Her mother loved her dearly, but as a school teacher she was accustomed to exact authority. There is no other foundation for these stories of hypnotic compulsion.

"As far as insurance is concerned, the agents got hold of us and began begging us to take out policies."

Mrs. Snead would not tell whether her son, Fletcher, is alive or dead. Franklin Fort, Jr., her sister's counsel had advised silence, she said.

Mr. Fort admits for his part, however, that the reticence and intense pride of the family have hampered him in matters as to which he desires fuller knowledge. Both Mrs. Mary Snead, he said, and her mother, Mrs. Martha Wardlaw, would be conveyed into seclusion tonight.

"The whole solution of the case," he continued, "now centers in the suicide note found beside the bath tub. Friends of the family have provided plenty of money for the expenses of the trial and we shall retain experts to prove the note genuine."

From Prominent Families.

Oglethorpe, Ga. Dec. 8.—The tragic death of Mrs. Ocey Snead the victim of the East Orange, N. J., bath tub mystery, has revived interest in the "house of mystery" here formerly the Snead Wardlaw family mansion.

In late years the Sneads and Wardlaws, who occupied this old home lived in comparative seclusion, with mystery surrounding their lives. The home has been tenantless for several years past.

Here it was that the initial union of the two families occurred when the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Jhon B. Wardlaw married the late Captain Fletcher L. Snead, a Confederate veteran, and prominent lawyer. For more than a quarter of a century from 1866, the Rev. Wardlaw was prominent in the Georgia Methodist Conference.

Captain Snead was several times mayor of this town.

The Sneads and Wardlaws left here suddenly several years ago without announcing their restination, since when thy had not been heard of until through the press dispatches concerning the recent mysterious death of Mrs. Ocey Snead.

STEAMER BURNING ON LAKE

Believed to be Freighter Clarion of Buffalo.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—A steamer was reported to be on fire tonight in Lake Erie about five miles off southeast shoal. The burning vessel is believed to be the 1,700 ton Anchor line freight steamer Clarion, of Buffalo, which left Detroit at noon today for Erie, Pa., although she has not yet been positively identified.

The Clarion carried a crew of 18 or 20 men. So far as is known no passengers were on board.

ACCUSE BROKAW OF CRUELTY

Millionaire Yachtsman's Wife Seeking Separation From Husband—She Attempted Suicide at North Carolina Home.

New York, Dec. 8.—Liar! with qualifications of varying intensity, was one of the mildest epithets W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire yachtsman, was accustomed to apply to his wife, according to her testimony in court today.

Mrs. Brokaw, who was Mary Blair, is suing her husband at Mineola, L. I., for separation and alimony of $60,000 a year on grounds of alleged cruel and abusive treatment and failure to provide for her support. The Brokaws were married in 1907.

"We shall show," said her counsel in addressing the court today, "that abuse of the bride began two hours after the marriage ceremony. Brokaw was badly jealous for no reason. He often forced his wife to eat alone and keep to her room for the entire day. During the honeymoon they ate only four meals together. He broke into her room at all hours and on one occasion, when the door was slammed in his face, smeared red ink on his forehead and ran around the hallway in his pajamas, crying and complaining to the bell boys. He was habitually intoxicated and frequently used abusive language.

Mrs. Brokaw testified that her husband was jealous of her brothers, that he accused her of flirting with his uncle, his nephew and his doctor.

"What were some of the names that Mr. Brokaw called you, when you denied his charges?" asked counsel.

The witness wrote her reply on a sheet of paper which was not read.

On New Year's eve, 1907, occurred an incident Mrs. Brokaw testified that caused her much humiliation. It had been her husband's custom, she said, to serve her at dinner ginger ale poured from a champagne bottle, while he and his guess drank champagne. By mistake the butler gave her real wine. When she raised the glass her husband became furious she said, and ordered her before her guess to go to her room. The witness wept as she related this.

Before court adjourned, Mrs. Brokaw's attorney announced that he would show how Mrs. Brokaw in February, 1908, attempted suicide in her husband's shooting lodge at Fairview, N. C., after a quarrel, because of Mr. Brokaw's treatment of her.

W. Gould Brokaw was divorced from his first wife, who was Miss Coralie Coudert, in 1899. Before marrying again, it is said, he paid $17,000 to Katherine Poillon to settle a breach of promise suit.

SOUTHENERS GATHER.

Dickinson and Gaynor Addressed New York Society—600 Present.

New York, Dec. 8.—Secretary of War Dickinson and William J. Gaynor, mayor-elect of Greater New York, were the principal speakers tonight at the annual dinner of the Southern Society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria. The Secretary of War spoke of the North, the South and the Nation, but Judge Gaynor confined himself almost solely on municipal issues. Six hundred Southerners were present.

Judge Gaynor, in this, his first public address since his election, said in part: "The long line of officials and bosses who made themselves millionaires out of the government of this city, some of whom live abroad and impudently visit us occasionally now that the statute of limitations has outlawed their villainies, is a standing disgrace to the moral tone of the community."

William G. McAdoo presided and the guests included among others U. S. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma; J. Pierpont Morgan; Elbert H. Gary, Governor R. A. Patterson, of Tennessee; Lee McClung, U. S. Treasurer; Thomas Nelson Page, Thomas F. Ryan, and others.

EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER

Temperature Dropped Below Zero at Places Out West Yesterday.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—With the temperature near the zero point over practically all of the Middle West, telegraph companies here today found themselves severaly handicapped in transmitting messages. The intense cold following the snowstorm contracts the wires and snapped them at many points.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8.—As a result of inadequate supply of natural gas from the Kansas gas fields, sessions in all school houses hre in which gas is used for heating were suspended today. A number of factories also have closed.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 8.—Many mining plants in this vicinity were shut down today on account of the extreme cold weather.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 8.—North Nebraska Southern and Eastern South Dakota and Northern Wyoming today suffering from the coldest weather of the Winter. The temperature in Norfolk dropped to 12 below zero; at Deadwood it was 17 below zero and at Lander Wloming it was 20 below.

FOOTBALL IS DEBARRED.

New York Board of Education Decided Against It.

New York, Dec. 8.—After January 1, 1910, football is barred from the public schools of Greater New York. This was decided by resolution at a meeting of the Board of Education today over the heated protest of James E. Sullivan, a member of the board and former president and now secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union.

WATERWAYS MEN IN WASHINGTON

Taft Addressed Delegates of Rivers and Harbors Congress.

A POLICY NOT A PROJECT

Slogan of the Convention—Should Urge Declaration Before Bonds Says Taft—President Ransdell's Address Feature.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Speaking in strong endorsement of the policy of waterway improvement, President Taft stirred up much enthusiasm during the opening hours of the sixth convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here today. Hundreds of delegates representing every section of the United States were in attendance. Men and women delegates gave the President a noisy reception.

Upon being presented to the assemblage by Joseph Ransdell, president of the Congress, President Taft dwelt upon his interest in the policy of waterway improvement and offered advice to the delegates upon methods for attaining the ends they seek.

"I congratulate this Congress," said Mr. Taft, "on having brought the subject of waterways to such a point that the representatives of Congress from one end of the country to the other recognize it as a subject that calls for action. They have not come to a definite conclusion as to the policy that ought to be adopted, but they have come to the conclusion that some policy must be adopted with reference to the development of those instrumentalities which nature has furnished for the transportation of goods and for the controlling of railroad rates.

"You in your declaration say that you are in favor of a policy and not in favor of any particular project. I think that a wise platform to take and yet when it comes to practical enforcement and accomplishment of something you have got to get into projects.

"Now I don't think I betray a secret when I say that the gentlemen who has most to do with the initiation of projects in Congress is fully charged with the necessity for doing something in the next Congress to foreshadow, or rather to begin, a policy with respect to those rivers."

Bonds For Waterways.

After referring to various waterway projects in detail the President continued:

"A year ago President Roosevelt and I were together on a platform before the conservation of resources convention in which we both advocated the issuing of bonds in order that a project improving waterways when begun should be completed in a reasonable time. I am still a consistent advocate of that theory, I believe that the Government is entitled to as rapid a method of developing an enterprise and putting it through as private corporations, and as they always issue bonds, or generally (some of them are fortunate enough not to have to) in order to expedite the completion of these projects, it would seem wise for the Nation to do so where it will accomplish the same result.

"But I want to suggest a word of caution. You are going to encounter in Congress great opposition to the policy of issuing bonds right out of hand. You are much more likely to get from Congress a declaration of policy in the shape of a declaration that a certain improvement ought to be carried out and spread upon the minutes of Congress in the form of a resolution or a declaration in a statute.

The Declaration First.

"What I advise you to do is to get that declaration. Then when the time comes that political exigency shall prevent the appropriation of sufficient from the current revenues to put the proper part of the project though the coming year, or the coming two years as economy requires, then the question of issuing bonds will arise. I would get the declaration first and not have the bonds first, for the reason that you will encounter the objection by Congress that the issuing of bonds and the receipt of the money will develop a desire to be extravagant.

"That may not meet your views but I have thought it over and I know something about Congress. I know where you are going to encounter opposition and I believe the best way is the natural way with those gentlemen.

"You lead them on to declare in favor of the Missouri improvement in favor of the St. Louis to St. Paul improvement, in favor of the Cario to St. Louis improvement, in favor of the Ohio improvement all of which have been approved by the army engineers and get them recorded in the statutes of this country as declaring that those things are to be carried out and let them make first appropriation from the revenues of the country and then you have them where they must issue bonds, unless the revenues afford a sufficient amount each year to carry the project on economically and with due rapidity."

President Ransdell read his annual report.

President Ransdell Spoke.

Outlining the work before the con-

vention, President Ransdell spoke in part as follows:

"We must make the people who elect the Congressmen and the State legislators understand that water transportation is much cheaper than rail for heavy, low class, bulky articles. We must make them understand that a well improved system of canals and rivers with standard depths along our seaboard and interior would furnish admirable facilities for moving freight and prevent the congestion which caused such heavy loses three years ago and threatens to recur. We must teach them that most of the terminals on the water courses are owned by one or more railroads and used for selfish interest with scant regard for the public welfare.

"This situation will be changed as soon as the people demand it. It is the duty of the friends of waterways to see that the demand is made immediately and strongly. We must insure a comprehensive policy of improvement of the Nation's waterways by an annual appropriation of $50,000,000 secured by an authorized bond issue of $50,000,000 a year to be used only when the current revenues are not available. This is a financial programme fully warranted by the magnitude of the interests involved.

"Let us protect our water courses from improper rail competition, with State and National laws to the end that this great natural resouce may be used to assist in solving our transportation problems, the simplifying of which means increased growth and prosperity to every community in the Nation. Those are the tasks before us."

Railroads Indifferent.

President Ransdell declared that the railroad interests of the Nation have treated the improvement of waterways with indifference and silence and he said he feared their position would strengthen the advocates of government ownership of the railways, although he said he wished to go on record against government ownership of rail lines.

"As a good friend of the railways which I consider the most marvellous agents of civilization and progress on earth," he said, "I sound this note of warning and insist that the strongest weapon of defense against this menace of government ownership, is the best possible transportation system for the entire Union, of combined correlated, interdependent and friendly railways and waterways co-operation and not competition. I urge the friends of these two great agencies to unite their forces and secure in the near future this end so devoutly wished by every lover of the republic."

Among those who spoke at the afternoon session were F. W. Crandall, of the Traveler's Protective Association of the United States; Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon; Albert Bettinger, of Ohio; Governor Hadley, of Missouri; Governor Weeks, of Connecticut, and John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and George Burgess, of Texas.

Favor Bonds.

All the speakers thought that waterway improvement should be provided for by Congress without delay, bond issues being the favorite method advocated by nearly every one.

Representative Burgess, however, threw something of a chill over the assemblage by declaring that he did not think the time had come to issue bonds for this purpose and reminded the delegates that while they were enthusiastic in viewing a bond issue, they should remember that there were others in the United States who did not agree with that opinion.

BASEBALL SITUATION.

Petersburg, Va., Seeking Admission to the League—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 8.—"Up in the air" is the expression being used by some of the press over the circuit with reference to the Eastern Carolina League but this expression does not picture conditions as they are but instead leaves a wrong impression. Another session of baseball around this circuit was assured today by facts that were learned while the Wilson Athletic Association states that it does not wish to surrender its franchise until there is an investigation of the Goldsboro matter. A statement from the Wilson correspondent says that "By Thursday morning it is thought the committee (from Wilson Athletic Association) will get together and let the lovers of baseball know just where Wilson is at." Lovers of the sport here hope that the Tobacconists will put a team into the field, and it is the general expression that the hatchet should be buried, and the Railroaders it appears, have taken the initial step in the matter.

The assurance of the circuit comes from a Virginia city and a Petersburg backer who tried so hard to have that city granted a franchise during the early days of the league positively states that he will put a team into the field if granted a franchise, and that he may be counted on for a representative at the meeting that is called for Raleigh tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The representative of the club that will be effected by the longest jump, was in this city when Petersburg's intentions were learned and he stated that while he did not think the including of this city would be best for the league, still rather than suffer the circuit to be broken up, he would welcome the team in the Virginia city.

ACCIDENT AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Shifting Freight Train Crashed Into Hack, Injuring Two.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 8.—A shifting freight on the Atlantic Coast Line yards at Blount street, this city, collided with a hack crossing the track at 6 o'clock this evening. The negro driver and owner, Lucien Bryant, and his daughter, a crippled girl, were both seriously hurt. Bryant especially complaining of great internal pain. A physician was summoned at once but nothing has been learned of his diagnosis of the cases. The hack was broken completely in twain but the horse was uninjured. This crossing, where 13 tracks traverse the street, is very dangerous, a mule being killed there two years ago and a number of people injured at various times.

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SEABOARD STOCK ADVANCE.

New High Figures Recorded Yesterday—Williams Makes Statement.

New York, Dec. 8.—New high figures were recorded for the Seaboard Air Line securities on the curb this afternoon when the common touched 27 1-2 and the second preferred 47. This is an advance of 7 1-2 points for the common and 9 points for the second preferred within the past week. The buying today was said to be of continued good character.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—John Skelton Williams, who is a member of the executive committee of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, when asked today whether he thought there was any foundation for the current rumor that the Hawley system or any other railroad was in the market buying Seaboard securities for the purpose of control, said he had no idea that such was the case.

"The receivers," he said, "have demonstrated what can be done with this property under proper management and the public are now buying Seaboard securities upon the theory that with all interests co-operating and their energies directed towards a common and security holders will be able to get the results for which they have waited so patiently and so long."

MORGAN NOT INTERESTED.

Statement Regarding New York Life Company Declared Untrue.

New York, Dec. 8.—J. P. Morgan & Company's recently acquired control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society has no bearing whatever on the New York Life Insurance Company, says Darwin P. Kinsley, president of the latter company, in a statement issued today. "Since Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., secured a controlling interest in the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society," said Mr. Kinsley, "the statement has been widely circulated that Messrs. Morgan & Co., also control in some way the New York Life Insurance Company. I wish to deny this statement in the most emphatic manner.

"The New York Life Insurance Company has no capital stock and is controlled only by its trustees and officers. It has no alliance directly or indirectly with any other corporation or firm."

TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE.

Operators on the Big Four System Demand Better Wages.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 8.—After several days of futile negotiations between a committee representing the Big Four telegraphers and the officers of that railroad a referendum vote was ordered by the operators today.

Whether a strike will be ordered will now depend on the way the 1,000 telegraphers employed by the system vote.

The demands of the men are for a 20 per cent. increase in pay and for the inclusion in their ranks of telephone operators, interlodging towermen, station agents and staff men. These demands have been definitely refused by General Manager VanWinkle.

THE AGRICULTURAL BILL.

Estimates Approximate $1,000,000—Bill Against Futures.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In the House Committee on Agriculture today it was decided to take up the agricultural appropriation bill next Monday. The estimates on which hearings will be given approximate $12,000,000 and the bill is expected to be in shape to report to the House the first week after the Christmas holidays.

The Scott bill to prohibit dealing in futures in cotton, grain, and other farm products will be pressed after the agricultural appropriation bill is gotten out of the way.

CARRIE NATION WILD AGAIN.

Smashes Whiskey in Washington Saloon and is Arrested.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who came here to keep her eye on Congress, went into the buffet of the Union station this afternoon and taking out her hatchet wielded it indiscriminately, smashing about $50 worth of bottled whiskies.

She was at once arrested and taken to the house of detention charged with destroying private property. A large crowd of persons in the station was attraced by he commotion in the buffet and excitement ran high.

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Clarke's Old Private Stock Corn,	3.85	7.00	4.75	13.00
Clarke's Sunny South Rye,	3.35	6.00	3.75	10.00
Clarke's Old Tar Heel Rye,	3.85	7.00	4.00	11.00
Clarke's Monogram Rye,	4.75	9.00	5.00	14.00
Sunny Brook Whiskey, (Bottled in Bond)	3.85	7.00	5.00	13.00
Clarke's Malt Whiskey,	3.85	7.00	4.00	11.00
Clarke's Medicinal Corn-Malt,	3.50	6.50	3.75	10.00
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Miss Annie Banks	204	Miss Lillian Vaughn	220
Boys' Brigade	202	Major Johnson	213
Miss Lillian Bannerman	1,457	James Kerr	201
Brotherhood Railway Clerks	264	R. A. Wright	208
Boys' Relief Club	202	Miss Lucille King	206
Miss Bertha Devane	204	Miss Bessie Sears	210
Miss Lydia Davis	210	S. A. Fray	201
Miss Janie Dudley	202	J. C. Haar	202
W. E. Jays	321	J. B. Wilson	201
Miss Mallie Houston	840	M. B. H.	201
Fenley Bros.	310	Miss Fenley, care Hospital	209
Naval Reserves	206	D. Hedderwick	201
Miss Lena McKenzie	958	Miss Rosa Furlong	205
Delgado Sunday School	202	Miss Lena Stanland	202
Miss Mary Pickett	207	Mrs. C. Williams	1,405
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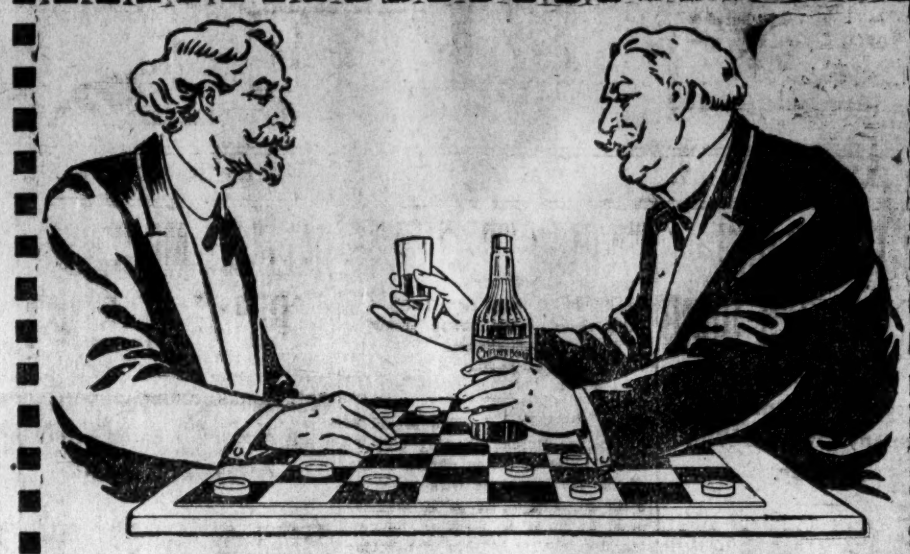

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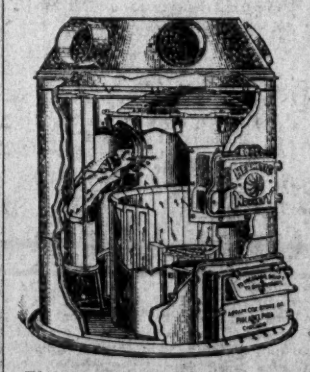

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

December Cotton Blooms.

Charlotte News: Mr. L. H. Robinson, of Providence, was seen by a News man on the street today and he had in his possession several well developed cotton blooms found in his field. Mr. Robinson is a big cotton grower and has a 15 acre field with an incline to the south and protected on the north and west by a thick forest of pines. The blooms are full grown and have perfect color. This is due, of course, to the extremely mild weather that had prevailed this Fall and the further fact that this particular field is well protected from the winds.

Counterfeit Silver Dollars.

(Statesville Landmark.)

A good counterfeit of the silver dollar of the coinage of 1890 is being passed around in Statesville. In size and general appearnce the counterfeit is easily mistaken for the genuine, but it is lighter in weight and very slick to the touch. It can best be detected by passing the fingers over it. It is understood that two or three business houses have received these dollars in the past few days. Saturday night one was passed at Sherrill's cafe near the railway station. The counterfeit was not detected until afterward and Mr. Sherrill has no idea who passed it.

Bride Attempts Suicide.

Charlotte Observer: Marion, Dec. 7.—Declaring that her husband had ceased to love her Mrs. Charles M. Hawkins, a pretty 18-year-old bride of a few weeks, attempted to commit suicide Monday night about 7 o'clock by drinking the contents of a four-ounce bottle of laudanum . Henry Charles, passing the house, noticed the woman drink a bottle of something and suspecting something was wrong entered the house. She told him that she had drank laudanum because her husband did not love her. A physician was summoned and her life saved.

The girl was formerly Fannie Yeats, of Danville, Va. A few weeks ago she ran away and married Charles M. Hawkins, a government distillery employe, of Richmond, Va.

Sand Hill Corn.

Wadesboro Ansonian: Mr. Peter Jones of Gulledge township wants the public to know that the greatest care was taken in the measuring of the corn gathered from the acre that won the first prize in the contest Friday. It was gathered from Mr. Thomas' field and measured in the presence of a sepcial committee. Furthermore, Mr. Jones says that the corn did not grow in bottom land either, but from regular sand hills that sold a few years ago for $1.00 per acre. He says it was by the the best corn he has ever seen and he is accustomed to seeing as good as grows in the county. Mr. Thomas estimates that the crop cost him about 25 cents per bushel. One bushel was sold at auction Friday for $4.50 . At this price, the acre's production would bring about $540. But isn't that farming?

STILL DEALING IN POSTOFFICES.

Congressman Cowles Reaches Statesville on His Rounds.

(Statesville Landmark.)

Congressman Charles H. Cowles spent Saturday in Mooresville and Saturday night in Statesville, leaving Sunday morning for Washington to be present at the opening of Congress yesterday.

Mr. Cowles' visit to Mooresville was in fererence to the postoffice contest there (the Congressman has many such contests on hand). Postmaster Templeton, who has held the job at Mooresville for many years, is not only willing but anxious to hold on, while Mr. John W. Brown is just as anxious to relieve him. It is also said that Mr. Joshua Hudson and other citizens of Mooresville could be induced to take the place if a call for volunteers is necessary. What Mr. Cowles will do, if he has made up his mind, has not been disclosed to the public. It is said that Postmaster Templeton has a strong lead with the patrons of the office but the fact that he has been at the public trough a long time is of course counted against him.

Congressman Cowles was also in consultation with the local political leaders of his party in Statesville Saturday night. There is a postoffice contest here, but as Postmaster Long's term does not expire for several months the situation has not become acute. The active candidates, as previously mentioned, are Messrs. R. V. Tharpe and Jesse L. Sherrill, while Messrs. H. V. Furches and D. L. Raymer have been mentioned as possible candidates. Meanwhile Postmaster Long is holding down the job and isn't going to run away from it. In fact it would be perfectly agreeable to him if no change is made.

ROWAN COUPLES MARRY IN PAIRS.

Two Double Weddings of Prominent People at Statesville.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Statesville, Dec. 7.—Invitations were issued yesterday for the double marriage of Miss Cora Lee Harbin and Mr. James J. Moroney and Miss Louise Rankin Harbin and Mr. John Leland Davis, which will take place at the home of the parents of the brides-elect, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Harbin, Wednesday afternoon, December 22nd, at 5:45 o'clock. The Misses Harbin are well known and attractive young ladies. Mr. Moroney was formerly a resident of Statesville, but has for the past few years been a traveling salesman for a Cincinnati harness manufactory. Mr. Davis is located at Columbia, S. C., and has a position as linotype operator on the Columbia State. He has visited here and is favorably known to quite a number of Statesville people.

Another double marriage will take place in the Lutheran church at Amity, some miles from Statesville, Thursday afternoon, December 23rd at 2 o'clock, when Miss Olean Templeton will be wedded to Mr. Charlie J. Stephens and Miss Bessie Martin will become the bride of Mr. Charles Westmoreland. Announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Templeton and Mr. Stephens was made a few days ago, but it was not known at that time that there was to be a double wedding. Miss Martin is a daughter of Mrs. Mary Martin, of Amity, and Mr. Westmoreland is the son of Mr. Wash Westmoreland of the same community. All four young people are well known in their home community.

RAILROAD ITEMS.

Double Tracking Put in Use—Crash on Freight Yards.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 8.—At noon today the new double tracking of the Atlantic Coast Line between this city and Battleboro, was thrown into use in accordance with a bulletin issued last night after the inspection trip yesterday morning on passenger train No. 34. The main line of the company is now double tracked from Battleboro to Selma, while there are extensions of the work going on at both ends of the line and the mileage of double tracking owned by the company will be greater each year. The putting into effect of the double track between this city and Battleboro will have the effect of dispatching trains with greater facility while the territory included in the block will be extended from the Tar river tower, one mile north of this city, to the station of the company at Battleboro.

A shifting engine running at a lively clip and pushing 19 box cars crashed into a freight that had pulled into a siding at South Rocky Mount last night at 12:30 resulting in a wreck that meant some little trouble to the wrecking crew while Brakeman R. R. Nunally, of the crew of the freight suffered serious injuries that may result in his death. He suffered a severe crushing of his left leg and a hurt in his left side, by being jammed into a car loaded with lumber, and it was necessary to remove his left leg at the knee when he was taken to the hospital.

FOUR MONTHS FOR "TIGER."

Young White Man at Rocky Mount Given Road Sentence.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 8.—A sentence of four months for retailing, and one of the witnesses in the case held for perjury and lodged in jail because he could not give $100 bond, made up a hearing in the Recorder's court last night that was of more than passing interest. The court room was filled to overflowing by interested spectators and witnesses.

Theodore Williams was the young man held and there were two warrants against him charging him with having made sales to a Mr. Oliver, and to Mr. Robert Womack, both of whom are residents of North Rocky Mount. In addition to the two young men to whom the sales were made, there was an eye witness to the transaction in the person of M. L. Strickland, and his testimony proved a very important part in the conviction of the defendant. J. B. Ramsey, Esq., and Bunn & Spruill, appeared for the defendant, and each point was hotly contested.

When the Recorder stated that in his judgment the defendant was guilty, counsel made a plea for mercy on the grounds of defendant's relations. Four months time with the road force of the Rocky Mount Road District was the time settled. The defendant gave formal notice of appeal and bond was fixed at $500 which was not given last night.

BASEBALL SITUATION.

Wilson Athletic Association Meets and Passes Resolutions.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Wilson Athletic Association held in the Mayor's office in the city of Wilson Monday night, the following resolution was passed, "That prior to the Goldsboro meeting the directors of the Raleigh-Goldsboro and Wilson clubs entered into an agreement to bring Durham into the League and if this object failed, that these three cities would withdraw from the Eastern Carolina League and with Durham form another league. At the Goldsboro meeting, Mr. Gattis, representing Raleigh, violated this agreement, but Wilson will not break faith with Goldsboro and if that city is not retained in the league Wilson will withdraw; but Wilson will not surrender its franchise until the justness of voting out Goldsboro is conclusively established."

S.S.S. RIDS THE SYSTEM OF CATARRH

Catarrh comes as a result of impurities and morbid matter in the circulation, and is a disease that only attacks mucous membrane. The entire inner portion of the body is lined with a delicate skin or covering of soft, sensitive flesh. Thousands of tiny blood vessels are interlaced throughout this mucous surface, and it is through these that the inner membrane receives its nourishment and is kept in healthful condition. When, however, the blood becomes infected with catarrhal impurities the tissues become diseased and Catarrh gets a foothold in the system. The early stages of Catarrh are characterized by such symptoms as a tight, stuffy feeling in the head, watery eyes, buzzing noises in the ears, with partial deafness and often difficult breathing and chronic hoarseness. These are merely symptoms, and while sprays, inhalations and other local treatment may temporarily relieve them, Catarrh cannot be cured until the blood is purified of the exciting cause. S. S. S. cures Catarrh by cleansing the blood of all impure catarrhal matter. It goes down into the circulation and attacks the disease at its head, and removes every particle of the catarrhal impurity. Then the mucous linings are all supplied with fresh, pure blood, and allowed to heal, instead of being kept in a constant state of irritation by the catarrhal matter. Special book on Catarrh and any medical advice free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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Figured Mugs, 15c.
Boys' Axes.
Hamilton Rifles, $1.50.
Shot Guns.
Razors—Gillette Safety in triple silver plated cases, $5.00.
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U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
N. C. State and other Bonds	170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	251,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6,226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907	$2,125,502.71
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SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:06, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

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WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50, and 9:15 P. M.

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WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

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Lv. Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:15 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:28 am
Ar. Norfolk	5:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:15 am	9:20 am
Ar. W. Phila.	3:45 am	11:44 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Phila.	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:35 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:00 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:36 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.
Via Wilson

	51	55	42
Lv. Wil'ton	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar Flor.	9:25 am	7:25 pm	3:45 am
Ar Col'bia.	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar Aug'ta.	3:00 pm		
Ar Atl'ta.	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nash.	6:35 am		
Ar Mem.	3:30 pm		
Ar Louv.	1:10 pm		
Ar Con'ti.	4:35 pm		
Ar Chars.	1:36 pm	11:25 pm	6:40 am
Ar Savh.	3:56 pm	2:20 am	9:00 am
Ar Jk'ville	8:10 pm	7:10 am	1:20 pm
Ar Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	9:55 pm

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NORTHBOUND.

	50 Daily.	54 Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:40 am	12:15 am
Lv Charleson	4:00 pm	5:10 am
Lv Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	7:58 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmngton	11:30 am	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound.		Eastbound.
53 Daily.		52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv Wilmington Ar	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar Fayetteville Lv	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv Fayetteville Ar	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound.		Southbound.
62	Daily except Sunday.	63
3:25 PM	Lv Wilmington Ar	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar Jacksonville Lv	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar N & S. Jct Lv	9:35 AM
6:50 PM	Ar Newbern Lv	9:30 AM

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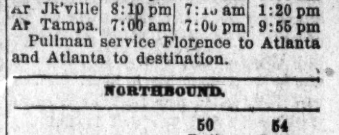

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MAKESHIFTS OF LEGAL REFORM.

A recent dispatch from Virginia carried the news of the lightning-like arrest, trial and conviction of a negro charged with the crime that in the South at once suggests, if it does not always produce, a lynching.

It was added that the speed with which the proceedings culminated in the death sentence were handled in all probability prevented the lynching that would otherwise have disgraced the community.

What is the lesson carried by this dispatch? Not merely that under present conditions a special procedure to fit criminals charged with a crime apt to produce a lynching is good precaution, but that there is serious fault in a system of court procedure which makes such precaution necessary. Speaking frankly, even in this class of cases, the precaution is itself a mere makeshift made necessary by a more vital evil. And the evil is nothing more nor less than the complications of trial and appeal which, in long delay and frequent exasperation at miscarriages of justice, make a lynching, with all its attendant outrage of the law and the basic principles of liberty, preferable in the common mind to due process of law. Due process has become so complicated that it has in many instances ceased to be a safeguard to the prisoner charged with crime and become a menace to society seeking to be protected from crime. Had Virginia had a statute providing in reason a speedy trial and guarding the causes of a new trial, while preserving the right of appeal, there would have been no mob forming to make of the most regular trial in the world a judicial farce when that trial was made necessary by the presence of the mob itself.

Necessary as special statutes may be under existing conditions of complicated procedure, it seems a poor remedy, in order to purchase a community's indulgence in the form of law, to try any prisoner with a haste which cannot possibly give him the time for any coherent and organized defense. The taking of human life under any circumstances is a profound assumption of human right; it ought never to be exercised, at any rate, either in hate or in haste. The only justification, in fact, which it can ever have, is that it is taken with an entire lack of passion, and in the absolute spirit of justice the more exact where the criminal is the most lowly.

On the other hand, there is that to be said for the mob, as there is that to be said for the product of the mob in that large class which is becoming intolerant of and indifferent to the law. There is too much of refinement in the courts. There is too much of technicality in the laws. There is too great a disposition on the part of judges to hunt for the flaw with a microscope and pass over the truth as an immaterialty. Both the statutes and the judges are responsible for this state of affairs, as the special case may be in varying degrees. But the fact remains that with every instance of technical escape, with every reversal of one court by a higher one on grounds not affecting the merits of the case or controversy, there is added fuel to the spirit which in the case of a mob wreaks itself in indulgence in blood and in the case of the well-meaning citizen in a growing indifference to his duties as a member of society an dof his obligation thereas to the law of the land. Speaking to a Law Association in Georgia, Judge Hammond illustrated the case of an injustice in court procedure in this striking way:

The litigants in this case, it may be said, brought to Atlanta a sealed box; placed it before the judges of the Supreme Court, asked them to open it and to determine just precisely what it contained. "How did you bring this box here?" asked the court. "We brought it by way of the Central of Georgia Railway," was the complainant's reply. "Therein you were wrong," replies the court; "you must go back to Augusta and bring your box here by way of the Georgia Railroad. True, your box is here before us, but we cannot look into it and tell you what it contains, because you brought it here by the wrong route."

Exactly. What, in sound reason, ought a Court of Law in a practical land have to do with putting litigants to go over the entire route again by saying "You are all right in the result, but you got here the wrong way?" Ought not the whole matter to hinge on the merits, on whether there has been a fair trial; and not on whether, in attaining the result of a fair trial, there was some small error or lapse from form?

Where, as with us, the criminal has every advantage in the drawing of a jury; where afterwards he has every reliance to put in the intricacies of numerous forms, any one of which may cause the State to try again its effort to protect its people, and where this process may not only happen once, but be repeated, it is not unreasonable that a feling should be engendered which, in the effort to meet it, may cause the law to do a grave injustice to the very criminal which in its general policy it seems overly anxious to protect.

DOMINATING AMBITION.

Writing of the Monroe Doctrine in his message to Congress President Taft says "and neither the doctrine as it exists, nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insiduous allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States."

Well put, but it might have had weight had the tone of the message on the Nicaraguan situation, tantamount to silence as to the Government's policy, not left this country for the present at least open to that very "allegation of dominating ambition" which the President declares the Monroe doctrine should not be permitted to operate to induce. Whatever the crimes of Zelaya, the fact remains that before the United States took a hand he was holding his own against the revolutionary forces of his own country. Whether he or the revolutionists are the better patriots does not seem to be a question which this Government, under the limits laid down by the President at any rate, ought to be competent to decide. The fact remains that the only thing which the Nation has yet to take hold of in pursuance of a policy of chastisement of Zelaya is the execution of two men as Revolutionists engaged in work especially that of spies, and whose American citizenship they had abandoned when they assumed the rights and the obligations of revolutionaries against an organized government.

The failure of the President to deal fully and with entire frankness with this question so vital to the moment is the more marked because of his inclusion in the discussion of the special interests of this country in Nicaraguan territory by reason of the proximity of the Canal Zone. The method by which the zone was obtained is a scandal that will endure in history along with the accomplishment of what should have been the greatest of governmental undertakings in the interests of peace and commerce. To now send American troops to this same territory to chastise Zelaya, to put him out of his office, to raise his enemies to power, raises a natural doubt that will be very much relieved when the purpose it foreshadows is seen by the course of events to have been unjustly attributed.

MATTER OF TOWN PRIDE.

Writing of the action of the Charlotte Board of Aldermen, by which they vary the terms of their contract with the Auditorium Company so as to give the people of the city an opportunity to save the people by subscribing to more stock, the limit of which has been raised, the Charlotte Observer says:

"The trouble with the Charlotte auditorium project was simply that a group of public-spirited citizens tried, under difficult circumstances, to do what is being done elsewhere by municipal enterprise. In their need they were denied help, even of the most remote and indirect description. The result was rather unfortunate. It should be understood by the Journal and all who have drawn like inferences that Charlotte never had more self-confidence than today, never enjoyed a growth more satisfactory. The Observer, glad and grateful that the aldermen acted at last, is only sorry that they withheld help earlier."

All this is very true, but we fail exactly to see in what way the real situation is changed by the action of the aldermen. The burden will still sit on a small proportion of the people, instead of where it properly should rest, on all the people. There is no reason in law or in common sense why a city of a central position, apt to be visited at times by great throngs of people, should not provide its own auditorium, to be owned by all the people. Certainly every progressive individual ought to have a pride in the accommodations which his city affords to crowds that visit it, as well as the gathering place for meetings and gatherings of the people of the town or city itself. Only rerently the Supreme Court of the State made it possible for the cities to provide these facilities without the formality of legislative authority. What ought to be done by a city collectively considered ought not to be done by any minority of its citizens, however patriotic or progressive they may personally be. When such a course is undertaken, there is almost surely to be trouble, as Charlotte in the auditorium matter has so abundantly discovered.

"EXCITED WOMEN."

Commenting upon the occurrence in Alabama at the polls, sent out by the Associated Press, where a young woman was rebuked for attempting to pin a white ribbon on a clergyman, whereupon she added to the feeling and excitement by "bursting into tears", the Macon Telegraph attempts to construct out of the incident an argument against woman's suffrage. It says:

"Such things as this furnish probably the strongest argument against the right of women to vote. Undoubtedly there are many women more capable of voting intelligently than many men, but, on the other hand, men are not free to vote their convictions in the presence of excited and tearful women, and excited and tearful women are not willing that men should be free to vote as they choose. Law-making and hysteria can not go hand in hand, and the essential requisites of the former are done to death when the latter rules."

However regrettable it may be that so serious a thing as a popular election, supposed to record the sober sentiment of a people, should ever be complicated by "tearful women", by tolling bells and all the paraphernalia so apt to make elections in particular which are held on the liquor question, it seems that the Telegraph is beside the point. Certainly it must be granted that women have a valid and vital interest in local option or prohibition elections. Whether they have a voice or not, it is their interests that are in a sense paramount. When, by aiding in the passage of a prohibition law, they conceive that they may aid in the suppression of the evils from which they suffer, it is in a sense their privilege to exert their influence. Therefore, the fact that they resort to coffee and sandwiches, to pinning on ribbons, and even to exhortations and tears, means simply that, for the lack of the ballot ,they are using the only means in their power of influencing the result. If, on the other hand, the yhad the ballot, they would vote where they now cry.

There is something radically wrong with a man who is unable to vote his convictions on account of excited women—more wrong than in the case of women whose interest is, from their point of view, vital, becoming excited when they see such elections taken out of their hands entirely.

Collection of taxes "by distress" on household goods, now contemplated in Raleigh, will doubtless eventuate in distress to the official who has the nerve to father that course.

In the chorus of comment on the President's message one favorable criticism stands forth prominently: that it is, at least shorter than some others the country has experienced.

Those who have doubts as to how the million dollar hook-worm fund would ever be spent, may now get relief in the news that Atlanta is to pull off a national conference with the "bugs" as the piece de resistance.

Secretary Hitckcock desires a physical valuation of the lines, bonds, stocks, etc., of the component parts of the telephone and telegraph merger. This may be useful alike to the country and to the managers of campaign funds.

It is a poor "doctrine" that will not work both ways. From the attitude of President Taft, it might be now surmised that the value of the Monroe doctrine is to keep off all European powers from the United States' hunting preserves.

Representative Sulzer's resolution to use the Army and Navy to capture Zelaya, try him for murder and demand an indemnity from his country came, in a sense, too late. Zelaya and Nicaragua have both been tried and convicted in advance by one "Judge" Knox.

Prosperous times are bad times in which to strike. Long experience has shown that the country cannot afford to have its momentum of business halted when under way. The switchmen should have thought of this before firing a petard whose fuse seems to have burned off short.

Mr. H. Clay Pierce, of Texas, who once swore that the Standard Oil and Waters-Pierce companies had no mutual agreement, has been acquitted of a charge of perjury. Mr. Pierce doubtless took the ground that there could be no agreement with a company with the interest that owned the company.

President Taft is in favor of further revision of the tariff after the tariff board shall have reported sometime within the next few years. It is, however, safe to predict that the board will not make its report in time to embarrass the 1912 campaign—always unless it should be found advisable to use the report to save the campaign.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Taft's recommendation that something be done to reimburse the victims of the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Company, shows that the conscience of the North is hurting in spots. But how about squaring things with the owners of confiscated cotton? The more honest the debt, the less cause for paying it, seems to be the case.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Of course if this country is to support one man who controls $2,000,000,000 of money, Mr. J. P. Morgan would probably be more acceptable to the people than most other financiers of note, but naturally the question that stuns the masses is: Why should so much power, wealth and influence in a free republic like this, be vested in one man; and what are the conditions that make it possible? That is the problem of the future.—Chattanooga Times.

The acquittal of Lee H. Battle by the jury in Federal Court was expected by those who had closely followed the evidence. The verdict is a righteous one. While grave imprudence may have been committed, there was no criminal intent shown, nor was there any. Instead of profiting by any of the transactions, the defendant in fact worked himself out of a good position. He was trying to save the bank and caught at every straw. Public sympathy was with him, especially when the evidence was disclosed.—Greensboro Record.

Some months ago Col. Wm. J. Bryan was brought to Texas to obliterate Senator Bailey. "Not only was Bailey unhurt," records The Houston Post, "but it is a plain fact, plain to even a casual observer, that the Senator is materially stronger with the people of the State than he ever was at any time in his career." We suggest that any other Southern statesman who wishes to be confirmed in his constituents' admiring loyalty may learn a lesson from this occurrence. Let him play the part of Brer Rabbit and moan that he fears no fate in comparison with the appearance of Colonel Bryan as his hilt-to-hilt adversary.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Taft recognizes the fact that there are two sides to the prosperity wave. It is not so good for the consumer as it is for the producer, for wages, like the price of cotton mill products, do not rise relatively to the swelling of the farmers' purse. The farmers, however, will take care of the money and the farmer, as a rule, is a good, but withal, a conservative spender. He buys what he wants and buys the best. He does not hide away his money, but he puts it out at interest. It is better that the farmer should have the money than the miserly sharks to whom it has been in the habit of going. With the farmer prosperous, the country is bound to be prosperous and the situation, after all, is one to be content with. We salute you, Mr. Farmer! Be good to us.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The movement for the extermination of flies is one that promises much in the way of improved health conditions and it deserves hearty support in every community. Following is the estimate placed on the movement by Dr. Daniel Jackson, a noted health authority, in a recent address: "Two years might be added to the average span of each human life in the United States by the elimination of the transmission of diseases by flies. This would mean a saving of 170,000,000 years of human, life or 40,000,000 lives of the present average length; incidentally a money saving of about $20,000,000,000. Besides this there would be the inestimable saving to families and friends of suffering, worry and misery and also of an enormous amount of illness which is not fatal."—Twin City Sentinel

The comptroller of the currency evidently has an idea that it is the business of the director of a national bank to direct, judging by the regulations he is laying down, which are published in another column. For the past year or more the comptroller has been endeavoring to secure a greater degree of efficiency in the general management of banks. National bank inspectors have been drilled and catechised to make sure they know what they hold their jobs for and national bank officers are to be held to stricter account in matters of supervision. The attempted reformation is timely. With the proper supervision of banks there is no good reason why a cashier or teller should get away with $100,000 or so before he is found out.—Statesville Landmark.

Our sister city of Brunswick contains some enterprising citizens. It is stated that a number of them have formed a syndicate, purchased a tract of land in the neighboring county of Wayne and that they propose to cut up this land into ten-acre farms and invite immigration by establishing on the tract a model farm. The syndicate will have 2,000 farms, if its plan works out successfully. They will be small farms, to be sure, but if they are cultivated on the intensive plan each will produce more than many of the farms which have one, or even two, hundred acres in them. For a long time a Chinaman farmed ten acres on the edge of this city. From it he got on an average of $6,000 a year, gross. His labor and other expenses amounted to about $4,000, leaving him a net return of $2,000. Are there many little, or even good sized farms that pay better than that, or even as well? If the Brunswick syndicate does half as well it will have no trouble in selling its 2,000 farms at a price which will yield a large profit. Land that can be made to pay $200 an acre year after year is worth looking at. The Brunswick syndicate, while making money for itself, will do a good thing for the State.—Savannah News.

KILLS BRIDE AND SELF.

Wincester, Va., Man Accused of Stealin Her Trosseau.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 8.—When his wife, a bride of three months, charged him with stealing her trosseou and selling it, Charles Crowell, a farmer, shot the woman dead today and then turned the shotgun on himself and sent a charge through his heart. The shot killed his wife immediately and his death, too, was instantaneous.

MISS PALMER EXPELLED.

No Longer a Member of the National Trotting Association.

New York, Dec. 8.—Miss Elsie Palmer, of Pimlico, Md., was expelled from membership in the National Trotting Association at a meeting of the Association's board of review here today. The charge against her was that she started her pacer, George Bertin, out of his class and under the name of "Aristocrat" at the State fair at Timonium, Md., last Fall.

CAROLINA SUPERVISORS.

Will Hold Conference With Director Durant in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 8.—For the purpose of impressing upon the 330 census supervisors President Taft's desire for a non-political, accurate and economical census, Director Durand has arranged for a series of conferences with them. The first at which the supervisors in Eastern States, including Virginia and North Carolina will be held in this city next Friday and Saturday. President Taft and Secretary Nagel probably will answer them.

Conferences will also be held at New Orleans December 17th and 18th, and Atlanta December 20th, at which the supervisors in adjacent localities will be brought together.

TROOPS LEAVE BRIDEPORT.

Too Cold for Strikers to Congregate Around Tin Mills.

Bridgeport, O., Dec. 8.—Two hundred militiamen shivered in the cold tonight watching the departure of their regimental comrades for their Ohio homes. The 200 soldiers are all that remain of the three regiments of troops called out for strike guard duty at the Aetna Standard plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company here Saturday.

Absolute quiet reigns about the tin mills. Even the strikers and their sympathizers failed to show up this evening around the plant on account of the extremely cold weather.

ENFORCING TOBACCO LAW.

Members of Burley Society Cautioned Not to Sell.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 8.—The Burley Tobacco Society has ordered copies of the Crecelius law, passed by the last Kentucky Legislature, distributed over the Burley belt of the State. This law provides that any member of a pool who sells tobacco to outsiders shall be prosecuted and also punishment for the buyer.

The executive board of the Burley Society will see that this law is strictly enforced, it is declared. Sixty million pounds of tobacco are said to be outside the pool.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Held by Bar in Memory of Late Marsden Bellamy, Esq.

MANY BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTES

Suitable Resolutions Adopted and Ordered Spread Upon the Minutes of Court—Large Attendance of Lawyers.

Attended by Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding over the present term of Superior Court, and a large majority of the lawyers of the county, an interesting and touching memorial service was held in the Court House at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in honor of the late Marsden Bellamy, Sr., Esq., for years the recognized leading criminal lawyer of this section of the State. Many beautiful tributes were paid to the life and character of the deceased and resolutions, unanimously adopted by the bar by a rising vote, were ordered spread upon the minutes of the court by Judge Allen.

Court was formally opened at 3 o'clock by Sheriff S. P. Cowan with Judge Allen, of Kinston, presiding. His Honor announced that the hour having arrived for the memorial service, court would adjourn and the court room be turned over to the bar of the county. E. S. Martin, Esq., dean of the bar, took the chair. The following were among the lawyers present: Herbert McClammy, Hon. John D. Bellamy, Woodus Kellum, L. Clayton Grant, ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, C. F. MacRae, A. G. Ricaud, George Rountree, Thos. K. Woody, Brooke G. Empie, W. P. Mangum Turner, Walter P. Gafford, Col. A. M. Waddell, A. H. Pait, E. S. Martin, Thos. W. Davis, K. C. Sidbury, Joseph W. Little, W. B. McKoy, Junius Davis, J. O. Carr, Geo. L. Peschau, Iredell Meares and C. C. Loughlin. Thos. W. Davis, Esq., acted as secretary. Upon taking the chair, Mr. Martin stated that the bar in session Friday, December 3rd, had appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Marsden Bellamy, Sr., Esq., and as he had been named to read the resolutions he would ask Mr. George Rountree to take the chair. Mr. Martin then read the resolutions of the committee as follows:

"At a meeting of the members of the Bar of the County of New Hanover, held on the 3rd day of December, 1909, the undersigned were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions regarding the death of Marsden Bellamy, Esq., a member of this bar, and to present the same to this meeting.

"The committee, therefore, submit the following report:

"At his residence, in this city, on the first day of December, 1909, died Marsden Bellamy, Esq., in the sixty-seventh year of his age, one of the oldest and most prominent members of this bar.

"Mr. Bellamy was admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law in January 1867 and continued in the active practice of his profession until September last, when he was stricken with the illness from which he never recovered.

"Mr. Bellamy, by his industry and close attention to business, acquired a large and valuable practice which continued to expand with time and experience. He was gifted in many respects with those qualities which go to make a successful lawyer, marked talents and an imposing presence, an excellent voice, a genial and amiable disposition, attractive manners, an impressive style of eloquence, and a fluency of speech which at times rose to eloquence. He showed great skill and dexterity in the examination of witnesses and in the trial of his cases, and became a powerful and persuasive jury lawyer, especially in criminal cases where his earnest appeals to the jury were generally successful. His reputation continued to grow with his practice, and years before his death, his services were eagerly sought after, not only in this but in other courts of the State and of the United States both in civil and criminal cases, and he was classed among the ablest advocates of the State.

"He had the happy faculty of making acquaintances and drawing them to him and it is probable that he personally knew more men in this county than any other lawyer, which was of great service to him in the practice of his profession.

"It seems that he had no political ambition which he desired to satisfy and never held public office save that of attorney for the County of New Hanover, which he held at the time of his death and for some years prior thereto.

"He died beloved, respected and mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends who were much attached to him.

"The members of the Bar of this County desiring to express their sense of the great loss that has come to the profession and this community by the death of their eminent associate, do;

"Resolve, That they deeply deplore the death of their esteemed brother, Marsden Bellamy, by which the bar of this county has lost a leading and distinguished member whose great ability and conspicuous professional career reflected credit upon himself and upon it, and this City, County and State an influential, respected and prominent citizen.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother by the secretary of this meeting with the sincere sympathy of the profession.

"Resolved, That these resolutions be presented by the Hon. A. M. Waddell, on behalf of the bar to the Superior Court of this County, at its present term, with the request that they be entered upon the records of the Court."

The committee was composed of E. S. Martin, Esq., chairman, Junius Davis, Esq., and Col. A. M. Waddell.

After reading the resolutions Mr. Martin paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased, whom he had known for years and with whom he had been associated at the bar of this county for 35 years. As a jury lawyer the speaker said, Mr. Bellamy was pre-eminent, winning cases after cases by the manner in which he analyzed the cases and his eloquent appeal to the jury. He spoke of Mr. Bellamy's willingness always to assist the young members of the bar. Mr. Martin felt that something had gone from him and stated that there was a vacant chair in the bar of the county. The bar, he said, would wail with the poet: "O, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

Mr. Junius Davis' Tribute.

Mr. Martin was followed by Junius Davis, Esq., who paid the following tribute to the deceased:

"It is chronicled in early history that one of the wise men of Northumbria, in speaking of the future life, said:—

"'So seems the life of man, O King! as a sparrow's flight through the hall when you are sitting at meat in winter-tide with a warm fire lighted on the hearth but the icy rain storm without. The sparrow flies in at one door and tarries for a moment in the light and heat of the hearth-fire and then flying forth from the other, vanishes into the wintry darkness whence it came. So tarries, for a moment, the life of man in our sight, but what is before it, what after it, we know not.'

"We are here today greeting our friends with kindly smile and a hearty pressure of the hand and tomorrow we are gone either into Eternal Sunshine or Eternal Gloom. Some of us are given but a short span of life while to others is permitted many years of a long and well rounded life. Our brother, who is today filling our hearts and memories, was blest in the enjoyment of a long and useful life. For over forty years he practiced at the bar of this court and was engaged in most of the important cases tried in it. As a criminal lawyer he had few equals in the State. To a commanding presence, he added a fine voice and a persuasive eloquence that few juries could resist. To him was always assigned that most important part of the trial of a case—the last speech—and many is the case where he has snatched victory from defeat by his impassioned appeals to the jury. No one of us has ever felt entirely safe when he knew that Marsden Bellamy had the last speech for the other side. He never abandoned a client and never betrayed a trust. He was eminently successful in his practice and in later years had the consolation and comfort of joining with him two of his sons upon whom he could lean, to take much of the labor of the office from his shoulders.

"It is as a friend that I like most to remember him. He was as true as steel and ever loyal to his friends. Their appeals to him, whether for sympathy or advice or help, never went unheeded. He was especially kind and helpful to the younger members of the bar and they were accustomed to call upon him often for advice as to the management of their cases. It always gave him real pleasure to respond to such calls and to point out, here a weakness, and develop there some strong point. He was a most genial and companionable man. He loved the sunny side of life and never walked in the shadows. He could not cherish animosities for there was no room in his tender heart for such. He was a kindly gentleman, a true friend, a loving father and husband, and a virtuous and loyal citizen. The day of his life he lived out well, and in the evening he rested."

Mr. Herbert McClammy's Tribute.

When Mr. Davis had concluded Herbert McClammy, Esq., arose and in his usual eloquent manner paid the following tribute, which was one of the prettiest and most feeling of the service, Mr. McClammy having been long a close personal friend of Mr. Bellamy and one of his most devoted admirers. Mr. McClammy said:

"Mr. Chairman: You could ever say of Mr. Bellamy he possessed those qualities of friendship, which unbosomed freely, advised justly, assisted readily, defended boldly, took all things patiently and continued unchangeably your friend.

"And we have met here today to pass resolutions of respect to his memory. Listen as we may, we can no longer hear his voice, which but yesterday was lifted in defence of the poor and unfortunate. His eloquence soared upon wings, through the shining realms of truth, as it melted with pathos or shook with scorn the souls of men as he hurled to earth malignant falsehood.

"It was not fame that wooed him to those mighty exhibitions of forensic skill and power which we have so often witnessed in this temple of justice, as we sat entranced at his utterances. It was not gold to whose sorcery he yielded and plighted his faith and his soul. It was the pleading of a good man, as a mother in behalf of her son, as a sister for her brother. It was the plea of eternal right against eternal wrong that made him seek with all his power to establish innocence and justice.

"For him, political honors possessed no blandishment; at his Country's call a stripling boy, he went forth from his alma mater, panoplied in all the shining armour of his young and ardent love, for he could brook no delay, while the heel of the hireling was on her shore. At the close of the war he began his preparation for the battle of life, and so thoroughly did he make it, and so valorously did he wage it, that at noon he had achieved a great success, not of wealth for he never counted it, not of official fame and power, for he knew their emptiness, but a faith of friendship and all prevading love, that lights the dark shores of time with heavens splendors and glorify the earth.

"He obeyed another call, the call of God to worship. At noon and at midnight, in sunshine and in shadow, his eye was fixed upon that Cross, which out shines the glory of the sun, and burns with purer lustre than all the stars that float from the jeweled throne of night.

"Yesterday he stood at the zenith of his ripened powers and looked forth upon the fair expanse of life smiling before him, but the summit upon which he stood, the land upon which he looked was fairer than any land of earth; the Angel of Death struck the fetters and his soul leaped into the great beyond. He was my friend. I had the honor of possessing his confidence and esteem, but the voice, which thrilled us with its power, and entranced us with its sweetness, is hushed forever from the harp of life. His mortal form lies yonder in that beautiful City of the Dead, his immortal soul shines yonder in the Courts of God. His labors of love for humanity have opened for him, I doubt not, the Gates of Pearl, and he lives in our hearts, as he lives immortal in the presence of God."

Mr. Rountree's Remarks.

Mr. George Rountree added a few eulogistic remarks to what had already been said by those who preceded him. He thought it highly meet and proper that such a large number of the members of the bar should gather and pay tribute to the deceased. He said that it would be difficult to add anything in the way of tribute to what had already been said. He wanted to say, however, that Mr. Bellamy had always been his friend and that he had some of the greatest qualities of any criminal lawyer he had ever seen here or elsewhere. He was a man of magnificent presence, and he was without a peer in the knowledge of practice. He was an artist in the selection of a jury and the way he handled a witness on the stand.

The resolution of the committee were adopted by a rising vote. The bar adjourned and court re-convened with Judge Allen presiding. The resolutions were then presented to the court by Col. A. W. Waddell, who spoke as follows:

Resolutions Presented to Court.

"May it Please Your Honor: My brethren of the bar have deputed me to present to the court the resolutions adopted by them at a meeting held today to express their sense of loss sustained by them, in common with this community, in the death of Marsden Bellamy, Esq., a leading member of this bar.

"In approaching this duty I am deeply impressed by one reflection, which I alone of all who are present can indulge. It is this: that in the years that have passed since I was admitted to this bar, 41 of its resident members (exclusive of those who practiced but did not live here), have successively and forever ceased from their earthly labors, and been transferred to the larger—and as I devoutly trust—the better life. You, and I, and each of us will ere long likewise drop our tasks and travel the same path through the portal that is ever open.

"Vialeti semel est calcanda omnibus."

And Yet.

"There is no death; what seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death."

"Our friend who has parted from us possessed a gentle spirit. He was one of the most amiable gentlemen I ever knew, and, I believe, had not an enemy in the world. But his whole career gave the lie to the cynic's maxim that a man without enemies is one without force of character, for he had the courage of his convictions on every subject, and, though never seeking controversy, was always ready to maintain them. He was a model of politeness and courtesy, was ever kind and charitable, and was a devoted husband and father, who found his chief joy in the domestic circle. He was a good citizen and a loyal friend.

"I knew him from his earliest manhood, served in the same regiment of the noblest army that ever trod the earth, we campaigned together in the days of so-called reconstruction; we practiced together at this bar for more than 30 years. Therefore, I am qualified to speak of his life and his professional abilities, and I say that, while under the Providence of God there is no vacant place which cannot be filled, it will require some one who has not yet appeared to supply the gap produced by his death.

"As a lawyer he was eminently successful, especially in important criminal cases. He had for many years the leading practice on that side of the docket, and it is said, I believe correctly, that he never lost a capital case—a very unusual record for any lawyer anywhere.

"He enjoyed the absolute confidence of a host of clients who entrusted to him all their legal business of every kind, and consulted him about their private affairs, and he was always faithful to the trust thus reposed in him. Prudent and cautious in counsel, he was bold and aggressive in prosecuting or defending the cause of his client, and was apt to see quickly the vital point in his case. He was unquestionably a powerful and effective advocate before a jury, and was recognized as such throughout all this section of the State.

"Now, sir, I have indulged in no fulsome eulogy in these remarks, but have briefly spoken only the words of soberness and truth, according to the facts within my own knowledge, and I now request your honor to have resolutions adopted by the bar and read in your Honor's hearing inscribed upon the minutes of the court."

Judge Allen's Remarks.

In instructing the clerk to spread the resolutions upon the minutes of the court, Judge Allen stated that he desired to heartily endorse all that had been said relative to Mr. Bellamy, whom he had known well. He said that Mr. Bellamy had grown to be what might be called an old lawyer and was therefore a most interesting personage. As a rule old lawyers love mankind and are religious. Seldom had the judge known an old lawyer who was an infidel. The old lawyer has come in touch with more varied conditions in the community than any other person in the community. He is usually a defender of all things he thinks are right and is outspoken and plain. The people of the community become to look upon him as the greatest man in the community. So Mr. Bellamy represented that type of man, but this is not all—he was a link between the old and the new. He practiced with men who have long passed away and could call to memory many of the leaders of years ago. He had associated with them and the youngest members of the bar today. In conclusion Judge Allen said that the deceased was an exceedingly good man and he repeated his endorsement of the words of praise which had been spoken of him.

Judge Allen then adjourned court for the day out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

BETTER LIGHTS ON RIVER.

Buoy Tender Cypress Put New Lenses in the Lights Yesterday.

Both the buoy tenders of the Sixth district, the Cypress and Wistaria, were at work on the Cape Fear river and bar yesterday. As previously stated, the Wistaria has been engaged in this vicinity for the past two weeks and as a result, new lights have been placed on the Cape Fear bar and other improvements made in the river.

The Cypress arrived from Charleston Tuesday afternoon and anchored at Southport. Yesterday she proceeded up the river stopping at the various lights and putting in new lenses. According to the lighthouse inspector this will greatly improve the lights, the lenses being of the latest type and will magnify the lights. The Cypress will leave this morning for Frying Pan shoals, where she will look after the lights in that vicinity; will see after the buoys and make necessary improvements. This buoy tender has been recently improved, having spent several weeks at Washington, where more powerful machinery was placed in her and otherwise improved for the heavy work in this district.

Capt. Hetherington, the lighthouse inspector, was aboard the Cypress and expressed the belief that the new range lights will be placed on the Cape Fear river by some time next Summer. These lights were recommended some time ago by the Board of Navigation and Pilotage and after considerable delay the matter was taken up.

The Wistaria has about completed the work on the Cape Fear bar and yesterday began work on the river by the re-building of light No. 1, situated near Southport.

THE BOYS' CONFERENCE.

Secretary Robinson Comes Friday—Splendid Programme Arranged.

A Boys' Conference will be in progress at the Y. M. C. A., conducted by Mr. C. C. Robinson, secretary of the Boys' Department for the Southern States, beginning Friday evening and continuing with meetings Saturday and Sunday.

Much interest is being manifested in the meeting by those acquainted with the Y. M. C. A. work of the city and the gathering in the interst of the boys of the city is a distinct feature of the Winter work. Mr. Robinson recently visited the Association and made a most favorable impression.

At the Friday evening gathering, which will be attended by the men of the Y. M. C. A. and others who have been extended an invitation, Mr. Robinson will deliver an address on, "A Boy's Religious Life." Mr. B. H. Tyrrell, the physical director, will speak on, "How Can the Y. M. C. A. Contribute to the Physical Activities and Religious Development of the Boys of the City?"

FOR THE McIVER FUND.

Basket Ball Game Will be Played at Y. M. C. A. on 16th.

To assist the alumnae of the State Normal in New Hanover county, who are raising $1,000 for the McIver Loan Fund, a game of basket ball will be played in the gymnasium of the Association December 16th. Secretary Kettle has gladly consented to assist the committee in this way and a large crowd is expected to attend. Basket ball is proving the most popular sport of the Association this season. Mrs. J. O. Carr is chairman of the New Hanover Alumnae.

Two select teams will be picked for this game, and as well as assisting in a good cause, it will be an interesting and pleasant evening.

Will Hear Receivership Matter.

Some time today Judge Oliver H. Allen, in chambers, will take up the matter of a permanent receiver for the Wilmington Sash, Door & Lumber Co., for which Mr. H. A. DeCover, president of the concern, petitioned a few weeks ago. At the time the petition was presented C. C. Loughlin, Esq., was appointed temporary receiver of the affairs of the company. A hearing relative to the matter was held before Judge Allen in the office of Kellum & Loughlin at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. James H. Scull, representing the Peaslee-Gaulbert Co., Inc., of Louisville, Ky., one of the creditors, filed an affidavit protesting against the appointment of a receiver, but it was stated last night that he will withdraw his objection today.

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BLAMES TUG EDGAR F. CONEY.

Owners of Marie Palmer File Big Libel in Savannah, Ga.

The owners of the schooner Marie Palmer, bound from Carteret, N. J., to Savannah, Ga., which grounded just inside the Cape Fear bar last week, have filed a big libel in the United States Court at Savannah, Ga., against the tug Edgar F. Coney, which had the schooner in tow at the time she stranded. The libel was filed Monday by Arthur C. Chaney, master and part owner of the schooner, which was valued at $90,000 and the cargo at $40,000. The tug, valued at $55,000, was attached at Brunswick, Ga., and was placed in charge of a custodian, pending the outcome of the proceedings.

The blame for the stranding of the schooner is put on the master, pilot and crey of the tug. The libel alleges among other things that the tug's master and pilot were warned of the improper and dangerous course the tug was pursuing with her tow, to which the tug's master and pilot replied, "We are going all right," and refused to heed the warning, continuing said course for 20 minutes, and towed the schooner aground. It is also alleged that after getting the schooner aground the tug continued to pull on the hawser attached to the schooner until the hawser parted. It was again made fast, and other efforts made to pull the schooner from the shoals. The libel also recites the efforts of the Seminole and the tug Alexander Jones to pull the stranded schooner into deeper water. It is further alleged that when the schooner was stranded and for a considerable period thereto, the weather was clear, the wind light, blowing at a velocity of not more than eight miles an hour; there was no sea, and the light at Cape Fear was plainly visible to those aboard the schooner and tug. The libelant avers that the stranding and all loss and damage resulting was not caused in any manner by the schooner, her owners, the libelant, or by any members of the crew, and that the stranding, together with the loss and damage, was caused "solely by the negligence, carelessness, want of skill, stupidity and ignorance of the channel on the part of the tug Edgar F. Coney, her owners, master, pilot and crew." It is alleged further that the tug was improperly and insufficiently manned and equipped.

WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Commission Purposes to Lay the Utilities Mile for Mile in City.

There has evidently been some misapprehension with reference to the purposes of the Water and Sewerage Commission in laying the two public utilities out of the bond issue recently made available, according to a member of the Commission who was asked yesterday in regard to all the discussion before the two boards of the municipality with reference to the laying and maintaining of the one to the detriment of the other.

"We are expecting to lay a mile of sewerage for every mile of waterworks," he said, "and while it is not practical to carry on the laying of the pipes for both systems at one time from an engineering standpoint, if the public will wait, they will find that the Commission is working to the best interest of all concerned and both systems will be put down at the lowest possible cost out of the bond issue available."

The member of the Commission went on to say that if anyone desired accurate information as to the work and purposes of the Commission, its members were always open to inquiries and would be glad to give any information desired; that two appointments had been made with the special committee from the Board of Aldermen to consider the sewerage question, but for some reason the Aldermen had not fulfilled the appointment. He stated further that a formal statement to the public would be made later and the minds of the people would be disabused as to the impression that the Commission is going ahead with the waterworks and spending all the available money at a sacrifice of the sewerage needs.

THE RED CROSS STAMPS.

Pretty Little Christmas Tokens Are Now on Sale in Wilmington.

The ladies of the Wilmington division of the Red Cross Society have again placed on sale the beautiful little Christmas stamp that was so popular last season and they hope this year to even increase their splendid success last yuletide. The stamps are very inexpensive, yet in the aggregate they amount to much in the commendable work of the society in stamping out tuberculosis. The stamps are attractive in design and ornament any package to which they are applied. Merchants and business men generally are urged to use them on their stationery and no Christmas package is complete without one. The stamps may be purchased at the book and drug stores for the present but later the ladies will have them on sale at the postoffice and generally about the city. The ladies deserve the cordial support in this matter of all the people of Wilmington. Merchants who desire the stamps may communicate with the president, Mrs. Allan Nichols, at The Carolina Apartments.

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY.

Elected Yesterday for Ensuing Year—Organize Monday Night.

Between the hours of 12 and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the Parish House, the annual election of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church took place and resulted in the choice of the following: Messrs. Washington Catlett, H. G. Smallbones, George S. LeGrand, Bertram Quelch, H. F. Wilder, J. Wallace Carmichael, J. D. Smith, Thos. B. Willard and Col. T. C. James. The vestry will meet Monday night at the Parish House for the purpose of organizing.

Justice Found Probable Cause.

Tyson Brown, colored, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Harriss yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing logs from the Chadbourn Sash, Door & Lumber Co., some months ago. He was defended by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., while Woodus Kellum, Esq., appeared for the prosecution. The justice found probable cause and bound the defendant over to the Recorder's court and in default of bond the negro went to jail.

TWELVE MONTHS ON ROAD.

This Sentence Given William Evans, Colored, for Larceny.

The star performer in yesterday's session of the Recorder's court was William Evans, 17-year-old colored youth, self-confessed robber of numerous articles from the store of M. Rosenmann & Son, on Front street, where he was employed for some time. The warrant upon which the negro was arrested and tried charged him with stealing an overcoat and a pair of trousers, hence the final disposition of the case was within the jurisdiction of the Recorder, though a quantity of other things, enumerated in yesterday's paper, alleged to have been stolen from the same firm, were found in the possession of the defendant. The prosecution was content with the one case and no additional warrants were sworn out. Because he undertook to move the stock of goods from the store to his room without the permission of the owner the youth will aid in the construction of New Hanover county roads for a period of 12 months.

Iredell Cotton, colored boy, was tried on the charge of jumping on and off trains at Ninth and MacRae streets. The Recorder fined him $5 and the costs.

The trial of Peter Drake, colored, charged with stealing logs from the Chadbourn Sash, Door & Lumber Company, was begun, but after the examination of two witnesses for the State the case was continued until 5 o'clock in the afternoon on account of the absence of other witnesses. At the afternoon session one witness was examined after which the hearing was continued until 11 o'clock this morning. The defendant is represented by W. P. Gafford, Esq., while Woodus Kellum, Esq., appears for the prosecution.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANTS.

Jury Decided Against Chadbourn Sash, Door & Lumber Co.

When Superior Court re-convened yesterday morning the trial of the case of the Chadbourn Sash, Door & Lumber Co., against Georgiana and Bessie Boyd, colored, began Tuesday afternoon, was resumed. The plaintiff was suing for $106.16 alleged to be due for materials furnished for a house the defendants erected in 1906. The case went to the jury shortly after 1 o'clock and an hour and a half later a verdict was returned in favor of the defendants. Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan represented the plaintiff and Hon. John D. Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the defendants.

The case of R. R. Richardson against Woodus Kellum was continued as was also the case of J. A. Taylor against F. M. McKoy. In the case of E. M. Travis & Co., against Charles Anderson a judgment for non-suit was signed. Woodus Kellum, Esq., was allowed to withdraw as counsel for the defendant in the case of Holmes Grocery Co., against D. N. Stanley. Upon motion of A. H. Pait, Esq., counsel for the plaintiff company in the case of F. Westheimer & Sons against D. L. T. Capps and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, the action as to the latter was dismissed. The plaintiff is suing for the recovery of the amount of an alleged shipment of goods, which the defendant Capps contends he did not receive, hence his refusal to pay the claim.

A judgment was signed in the case of the Fidelity and Casualty Co., vs. the Cape Fear Lumber Company, a compromise having been effected.

CHICKEN CASES INVESTIGATED.

Wm. Lee Bound Over to Recorder's Court on Larceny Charge.

Charged with stealing chickens in three separate cases, William Lee, colored, was given a hearing before Justice A. Silverman yesterday afternoon, the hearing beginning at 5 and lasting until 7 o'clock. As stated in The Star yesterday morning, Lee is charged with stealing a number of chickens from Messrs. C. E. Tilley, G. M. Grant and J. T. Britt, who live in different parts of the city. Some of the chickens alleged to have been stolen were found at the home of Lee and identified by the owners. Lee denied that he owned any chickens and said that the chickens taken from his yard by the officer belonged to Janie Robinson, colored, who lives at his house. Janie Robinson corroborated the defendant as to the ownership of the fowls. On the other hand, the prosecution produced evidence to show that Lee had offered chickens for sale. The justice found probable cause and bound the defendant over to the Recorder's court and in default of bond he went to jail. Wm. J. Bellamy and L. Clayton Grant, Esqs., represent the defendant and Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., the prosecution.

GOING TO PALMER TODAY.

Jones Towed Wrecking Barge to Southport Last Night—Sea King

The strong southwester prevailing the past two days having abated, the tugs Sea King, Capt. Williams, and Alexander Jones, Capt. Sanders, will proceed to Frying Pan shoals today to the stranded stranded schooner Marie Palmer, to make a final effort to float the vessel.

There is some probability that the schooner did not withstand the severe weather and may have gone to pieces during Wednesday night. The tug boat captains were unable to ascertain her condition yesterday.

The tug Alexander Jones having in tow the wrecking barge Beaver of the Diamond Steamboat & Wrecking Company, left for Southport last night, where she will remain until this morning when she will be joined by the Sea King and both will proceed immediately to sea.

The Palmer, as will be recalled, lies 13 miles from the Cape Fear bar. Mr. Edgar Dunn, representing the owners of the schooner, will also go out on the Sea King this morning.

If the wreckers find the Palmer in a hopeless condition they will strip her of everything available and return to port, but on the other hand if she is in any condition, the wrecking pumps will be put to work in an effort to float her.

A most suitable Christmas present, a pair of gold spectacles or eye glasses, fitted by Dr. Vineberg, at Kingsbury's drug store, Masonic Temple. Come in and see our holiday stock. Eyes examined free. de 9-4t.

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The Clay Eaters are stupid, lazy people, with very large appetites—a matter of *diet*. Clay doesn't nourish, so doesn't satisfy. Boilers fed with rock, bone, ash, etc., are sluggish and lazy. Change the diet. They need Heat Units. Atlantic Guaranteed Coal will brace them up to the "popping off" point and keep them there. The boiler eats *less* and does *more*.

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BOLD AND DARING ROBBERY.

Negro Stole Tin Box Containing About $50 From Store.

One of the boldest and most daring robberies committed in Wilmington in recent months was reported to the police last night. Late yesterday afternoon Mr. M. J. Schulken, who conducts a grocery at 1202 North Fourth street, took from his safe, near a window, the tin box in which he keeps some of his money. After making some change he left the box sitting on the safe and about 7 o'clock went upstairs, where he has apartments, to his supper, leaving his mother in the store during his absence. A negro, whose identity is as yet unknown, broke out a window light, grabbed the tin box, which was in easy reach, and made off, vanishing in the darkness. Mrs. Schulken heard the falling glass and looked around in time to see a negro grab the box. She immediately gave the alarm and several persons started in pursuit of the negro, but he had a good start and made good his escape. The box contained about $50 in cash. The police were notified and Patrolmen D. W. Coleman and W. G. Brinkley were detailed to work on the case. The officers had discovered no clue to the identity of the robber up to midnight.

TAFT DAY EDITION.

Carolina Truckers' Journal Does the Handsome Thing in Issue.

The current number of the East Carolina Fruit & Truck Growers' Journal, of this city, is a handsome Taft Day edition just from the press, and promises to attract wide attention and command a very large sale. The entire edition is given over to a very complete description of Taft Day in Wilmington from the versatile pen of Editor Z. W. Whitehead and the pages are handsomely embellished with views in Wilmington on that gala occasion, half-tone portraits of the Executive Committee, which so magnificently engineered the celebration; chairmen of the sub-committees and of the host and hostess of the President with a view of their handsome residence, where the distinguished guest was entertained at breakfast upon the occasion of his visit here. The edition is a great credit to Editor Whitehead and those in charge of its mechanical get-up. Copies of the Journal may be had at the office of the publication, on Custom House avenue.

THOSE ADDITIONAL LIGHTS.

Work of Erecting Poles Will be Commenced Friday.

Alderman B. O. Stone, chairman of the light committee of the aldermanic body, stated last night that workmen would commence Friday of this week placing poles for the additional Tungsten lights authorized by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance at their meetings Monday and Tuesday nights, respectively. The other material was ordered yesterday morning and it is expected that the work of stringing the wires will be commenced some time next week. The lights will be in service before the Christmas holidays begin. The arches will be placed on Front, from Grace to Red Cross streets; on Market from Front to Water and from Second to Third streets, and on Princess from Front to Third streets. Alderman Stone, often spoken of as "the father of the brilliant illumination scheme for this city," is coming in for additional praise from the people of the community for the increased number of arches.

AT J. M. SOLKY & COMPANY'S.

Big Offering of New Goods Now Being Made at Popular Store.

Unusual arrangements are being made at the Masonic Temple stores of Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co., for the annual holiday trade, which is always large at this establishment. The stock for this season's yuletide includes many new and novel articles suitable for Christmas gifts and those who do not care to trade with that especial purpose in view will find many staple articles that will appeal both in price and quality.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

There will be a meeting of the Literature Department of Sorosis this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Library. A full attendance of members is desired.

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Miss Mary Coxe, an attractive young lady of Albany, Ga., is a guest for the holidays of Colonel and Mrs. Wm. F. Robertson, at their pretty home in Carolina Heights.

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An important meeting of the Wilmington Branch of the American National Red Cross Society will be held this morning at 11 o'clock in the parlors of The Colonial Inn and a large attendance is most earnestly desired. At this meeting arrangements will be made for a wider distribution of the Christmas stamps and other matters of vast importance will be brought to the attention of the meeting. The ladies are asked to bear in mind the hour and be present promptly.

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The "Silver Tea" given by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the home of Mrs. C. D. Jacobs, 406 Chesnut street, from 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to 11:30 o'clock last night, was a most successful affair, both financially and socially. A delightful programme was rendered. Recitations by Misses Sallie and May Kingsbury and Gene LaFrage were especially pleasing and the young ladies well meritted the applause they received.

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COMPLIMENTARY DANCE ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

Complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Goodman, who were recently married in Baltimore, Md., and the guests here to attend the marriage of Miss Viola Bear and Mr. Sigmond Wallace, of Statesville, this afternoon Harmony Circle gave a most delightful ball in its club rooms from 9 to 1 o'clock last night. Music was by the Hollowbush orchestra and refreshments were served during the evening. There were a hundred or more present and the event was immensely enjoyed by all. Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding and who were present at the dance last night were: Miss Nina Lowenstein of New York City; Mrs. Sadie Bear, of Raleigh; Miss Nina Gans, of Richmond, Va.; Miss Carrie Hoffman, of Statesville; Miss Hortense Mottenin ger, of Winchester, Pa.; Mrs. Albert Baron, of New York City; Mr. Herman Wallace, of Statesville, brother of the prospective groom; Mr. M. Selig and Mr. James Spitz, of Atlanta Ga.; Mr. Lee Rheinheimer, of Richmond, Va.

Tuesday evening Mrs. S. A. Schloss, Mrs. Julius Sternberger and Mrs. Sol Sternberger delightfully entertained a party of 60 at an oyster roast and dance at Lumina in honor of the Bear-Wallace nuptials. The party went down to the beach on the 7:30 o'clock car and returned on the 11 o'clock car. It was a decidedly interesting and enjoyable pre nuptial event.

The marriage of Mr. Wallace and Miss Bear will take place at 5 o'clock this evening and will be one of the social events of the season.

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MISS OPHELIA NORTHAM AND MR. LESTER L. NEWELL WED.

Mr. Lester Lamb Newell and Miss Ophelia Crawford Northam, the popular and attractive daughter of Mr. Norman James Northam, were quietly married at 6 o'clock last evening, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. C. Craft, 808 Market street, with whom she had made her home for some time, by Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace Methodist church. The nuptial event was witnessed by members of the immediate family and only a few very intimate personal friends. The Craft home was beautifully decorated for the event, evergreens, Southern smilax, ferns, roses and potted plants being used very effectively. The bride was handsome in her traveling suit of green with hat and gloves to match. Many beautiful presents were received and tastefully displayed. Those who saw the array say it was one of the most beautiful and costly lot of presents they ever looked upon. Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Newell drove to the union station and departed on the 7 o'clock train for a bridal trip to New York and other points in the North. They will be at home at Wrightsville, N. C. after December 20th. Both the bride and groom are exceedingly popular with a large circle of friends and their marriage was of much interest here and elsewhere throughout this section of the State. Mr. Newell is a business man of unusual ability and has a promising future, while his bride is a most attractive young lady and possesses those qualities which endear her to all within the range of her acquaintance.

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PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING AT ROCKY POINT, N. C.

A marriage of much inteerst to many friends and relatives in this city and elsewhere throughout this section was solemnized at Olivet Baptist church at Rocky Point at 7 o'clock last evening, when Miss Bertha Lee Shepard, the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Shepard, of Rocky Point, became the bride of Mr. Frank Scott, a promising and popular young man of Wilmington. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Hocutt, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large number of admiring friends and relatives, every seat in the edifice being taken. There were present many from Wilmington and for miles and miles around Rocky Point. It was spoken of by those who attended as being one of the most beautiful weddings ever celebrated in the Rocky Point community.

The church had been most artistically decorated for the event fraught with so much interest for the young couple. To the strains of the wedding march the bridal party entered the church. The bride was beautiful in her handsome gown of white satin. She carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor, Miss Lena Stanland, of this city, was handsomely attired in white lace and carried white carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ella Howell, of this city, becomingly gowned in pink messaline desoir and carried pink carnations; Miss Mary Scott, sister of the groom, who wore an exquisite creation of pink Japonica silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations; Miss Lena Shepard, sister of the bride, handsomely attired in white Japonica silk and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was attended by his best man and brother, Mr. C. P. Scott. The ushers were Messrs. Clifton Davis, C. Boney and Calvin Scott. Following the impressive ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride where a reception was tendered and an elaborate supper was served. There were present besides the bridal party many relatives and friends and it was a most pleasurable event.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott will come to this city this morning and will reside at corner of Second and Red Cross streets. Mr. Scott holds a position with the Standard Oil Company in this city and is a young man of sterling qualities and is very popular with a large circle of friends. His bride has made her home in this city for the past three years, residing with her aunt, Mrs. J. N. Sandlin, 412 1-2 Princess street, and held a position with Gaylord's Department store. She is a most charming and attractive young lady and her friends are limited only by her acquaintance. The best wishes of hundreds of friends here and elsewhere are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. A. J. Johnson, of Clear Run, is in the city on a business trip.

—Messrs. W. R. and Fred H. Coleman, of Ashe, N. C., are in the city making business calls.

—Rev. F. A. Bishop, of Dunn, is spending a few days with his family, who have been visiting relatives at Greenville Sound for a week or more.

—Friends of Mr. A. C. Moore, of Currie, will regret to know that he is very critically ill with peritonitis, Dr. R. B. Slocum, of this city, went up to Currie yesterday and performed an operation but Mr. Moore is still in a very critical condition.

LOCAL DOTS.

—By deed filed for record yesterday W. A. Lineker and wife transfer to James LeRoy Fennell, for $10 and other considerations, 25 acres of land in Cape Fear township at southwest intersection of Harnett avenue and the rights of way of the A. C. L.

To Take Post Graduate Course.

The First Aid to the Injured Class of the Y. M. C. A. held an interesting meeting last night at which it was decided to take the post graduate course as provided for in Johnson & Johnson's manual. This class completed the regular course this year, and is known as the 1909 class. The 1910 class will begin studies the first of the year, taking the same course as recently completed by the '09 class. There was a large attendance at the meeting last night. Dr. Joseph Akerman, the instructor, was present. Dr. Akerman will also be the lecturer and instructor of the next class.

LEGATION IS NO MORE.

Furniture Moved From Home of Nicaraguan Representative.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Nicaraguan legation here is no more. Big vans have carried off the furniture and the other appurtenances of the house in O. street, where President Zelaya's representatives once were domiciled.

A "For Rent" sign ornaments the front lawn and drawn curtains and an air of desolation greets the caller, while no server answers the ring at the bell.

Senor Rodriguez, the special emissary of Zelaya, through whom Secretary Knox's sharp note was conveyed to the Nicaraguan government, is still in Washington. It is said by a former attache of the legation that the furniture had been stored until the present situation cleared that it was the property of the government. It was indignantly denied that the legation had been driven from its quarters because of the failure of the Nicaraguan government to meet the monthly rent bill.

Word was received here tonight in Central American circles that the reports of a Zelayan victory of the insurgent army near Rama was without the slightest foundation in fact. It is declared that there has been no fighting in the last few days.

"It is a lull before the storm," said a Central American diplomat. "In a few days we will hear of a battle and it will be a decisive one, providing the Estrada forces are victorious. If they are not they will fall back to fight again."

Senor Castrillo, the representative of the revolutionists here, received a cablegram under today's date from Bluefields and signed Estrada, stating that all indications were that a decisive battle between Zelaya's forces and the revolutionists would be fought tomorrow at Rama.

President Zelaya, recognizing the growing sentiment in Nicaragua favorable to the revolutionists and to the part the United States is playing in the contest, has recently been making every possible effort to incite the people to anti-American demonstration.

TELEPHONE INQUIRY.

President of Two Companies Subpoenaed to Appear in New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Bell interests, and Robert C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, have been subpoenaed to appear before the legislative inquiry into the telegraph and telephone system of this State, now going on in New York. Mr. Vail will testify tomorrow and Colonel Clowry will be called later.

This will be the first investigation into the recent billion dollar merger whereby the Bell interests obtained control of the Western Union by the purchase of Gould stock.

The cost of a Business Local is a small fee to pay for securing a good tenant.

The Theatre

One of the greatest of all theatrical offerings, the biggest hit on Broadway for many years, will be made at the Academy Saturday night, only, when "The Climax" will be presented

"The Climax" was recently in Augusta, Ga., and the Chronicle of that city spoke of the play editorially, as follows:

"It is seldom, if ever, that the editorial department of the Chronicle breaks in, so to say, on its theatrical department; but it is so much a privilege to witness such a play as "The Climax," as presented at the Grand last night, that we are inclined to add a little extra commendation to that which we know the regular theatrical critic of the paper must give this morning.

"Much may be said for this really remarkable play itself; but one feels like saying even more for the unusually natural and versatile acting of Miss Pauline Perry, the one woman member of the cast of four presenting the play, not neglecting a strong word for Albert Tarvernier, whose Luigi Colfanti is a most artistic piece of work. Miss Perry's talent, however, is of such an unusual character for one of her evident youthfulness, as to impress at once with the idea that the future looms large for this little Denver woman in her chosen profession.

"If you would permit the Chronicle to do you a real favor, let it advise you to witness the presentation of "The Climax" either this afternoon or tonight."

The demand for seats for the Wilmington engagement has already been large. The sale will commence tomorrow (Friday) morning.

The Red Mill.

"The Red Mill," the much discussed comic opera by Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert, presented by Martin & Emery Co's. splendid organization, will be given at the Academy of Music next Monday night in the same complete manner as during its all-year run at the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York City, three months Grand Opera House, Chicago, and three months at the Colonial Theatre, Boston, where the innumerable features of the escape from the mill, the Dutch Kiddies, the Broadway Soubrettes, the Fifth Avenue Girls, the Boxing Dance, the Motor Beauties, the Bowery Belles and the no end of Victor Herbert brilliant and popular music, will all form an entertainment of refreshing refinement and good cheer, with all the requisites of an unusually clever performance. The company will arrive from Charlotte in seasonable time, so as to be in excellent spirits for a capable and rapid preformance.

New Bill at the Palace.

A change of programme will go on today at the Crystal Palace, and this means that the clever artists who make up this week's bill is without doubt one of the most delightful, especially for fun, that has yet been presented at the popular vaudeville theatre. Tomorrow night two of the best seats to "The Climax," which will be at the Academy Saturday night, will be given away, and shortly a $15 doll, which is on display at the Palace, is also to be given away. A person attending any performance gets a chance at both presents.

Mr. Carl E. Pait, of Bladenboro, brother of A. H. Pait, Esq., of this city, and Miss Beulah White, daughter of Mrs. James White, of Bladenboro, were united in marriage at the home of the birde at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The marriage was a quiet affair attended by only members of the family and a few intimate friends. The bride and groom have many friends here who will be interested in their marriage.

At the Bijou Today.

"A Bachelor's Love Affair," is the title of the feature picture that will be shown at the Bijou theatre today. When a man is past 45 and not married ,especially when he has three cozy rooms and a man-servant, he will tell you he is living an ideal existence. He will explain, if asked, why he never married, that there was a girl once—the only girl—or, on the other hand there are too many girls in the world for him and he never could be so selfish as to give himself up to only one. This story deals with a bachelor of that age and his little romance and is exceedingly interesting and well told by motion pictures.

A NICARAGUAN EXILE.

Comes to New York With Many Grievances Against Zelaya.

New York, Dec. 8.—Dr. M. E. Velasquez, a Nicaraguan exile, who arrived her today from Panama, has a string of grievances against President Zelaya extending over a period of nine years and including six imprisonments. He reports that no mail from Nicaragua can reach the colony of exiles at Panama without being opened by Zelaya's spies and censors.

Ten thousand refuges in Costo Rica are organizing to support Estrada, he says, and the downfall of Zelaya he believes assured.

HOUSE DYNAMITED.

Act of Revenge of Strikers—Man Buried Under Debris.

Struthers, O., Dec. 8.—A large double frame house occupied by the families of Harry Birney and Louis Smith, recently imported here by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company to work in the local mill where a strike is in progress, was dynamited early today.

William Birney, father of Harry Birney, was almost suffocated by being buried under debris and six other members of the two families sustained slight injuries. The house was practically demolished.

GREEK KILLS GREEK.

Proprietor of Roanoke Restaurant Stabbed to Death.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 8.—Michael Misalis, a Greek 19 years old, today stabbed and killed James Stamoulis, proprietor of a Roanoke Greek restaurant. The men quarreled in a Greek barber shop and when the restaurant man attempted to eject Misalis the latter stabbed him in the breast. Misalis escaped.

MILEAGE BOOK QUESTION.

Capt. C. E. McCulloch Writes to the News and Observer.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7, 1909.
News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Editor:—I have been a regular reader of your paper for more than a decade and believe that it is your policy on public issues to side with the public provided it be equitable. In your editorial—Voluntarily or by Compulsion—Dec. 3rd, I appreciate your effort in behalf of the public convenience, but I fail to see where the railroads do wrong in maintaining the present system of mileage exchange or why a passenger in exceptional cases who lacks time to exchange his mileage has any grievance.

Our Legislature provided that our main roads should not charge a higher rate than 2 1-2 cents per mile and was entirely silent as to mileage books. I am told that it has been decided by the highest court that a Legislature cannot authorize a lower rate for the owner of a mileage book because this would be discrimination.

The mileage book is simply a contract between the purchaser and the railroads whereby the roads agree to give so much transportation at less than the regular legal rate on certain conditions. The railroads are willing and anxious to live up to these conditions—wherever there has been any friction in this matter it has been invariably caused by the purchaser failing to comply with his part of the contract.

There are some inconveniences to the purchaser in the mileage exchange, but there is a profit of $5 in a 1,000 miles which is 20 per cent., which it seems should be a cause of satisfaction instead of complaint. There are some inconveniences to the railroads—it gives their agents and auditing departments more work—but there are numerous reasons why it is to their interest to maintain this system of exchange.

The railroads are entirely within their rights in inserting the conditions for reduced fare which the purchaser of a mileage book obtains, and the purchaser knows or can know these conditions before he signs deliberately and unsolicited that he will abide by the regulations.

I have small patience with the man who makes himself disagreeable when called upon to comply with his contract and tries to claim a grievance because he failed to do so.

I think the leading papers would be doing a better work by trying to put such a man to shame rather than standing to his back. You refer to a man in Raleigh who was left because he lacked time to exchange his mileage; owning a mileage had nothing to do with his misfortune; it did not cause him to be late, and because circumstances were such that he could not enjoy a reduced rate to which his mileage had accustomed him, he could have boarded the train and paid regular fare and as the S. A. L. bore him smoothly and swiftly on, it would have been proper and decidedly more cheerful to have let his mind run back to the times he had enjoyed two cent rate made possible by the mileage exchange. Yours truly,

C. E. McCULLOCH.

GOULD INTERESTS RETIRED.

Changes in the Board of Directors of the Western Union.

New York, Dec. 8.—A large part of the Gould interests in the Western Union Telegraph Company retired today at a meeting of the board of directors and they and others affiliated with the Goulds were succeeded by men representing the American Telegraph & Telephone Company, the Harriman and the Moore interests.

The dividend of 3 per cent. per annum was not changed, a quarterly dividend of 3-4 of 1 per cent. being declared.

The following directors offered their resignations and they were accepted: Frank Jay Gould, Howard Gould, Kingdon Gould, John T. Terry, C. Sidney Shepard, G. W. E. Atkins, Thomas F. Clarke, John B. VanEvery, William L. Bulli and Alvin Krech.

These men were succeeded on the board by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.; Henry S. Howe, John I. Waterbury, Robert Winsor, Henry P. Davison, William H. Moore, Robert S. Lovett, representing the Harriman interests; Edward J. Hall, Union N. Bethel and Henry B. Thayer.

George J. Gould, chairman of the board, and until recently accredited the largest individual stockholder, did not retire. Neither did Robert C. Clowry, the president and general manager, who is also a member of the board.

NOTIFIED THE STRIKERS

Property Will Have to Be Removed From Streets.

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 2.—The 600 evicted striking tenants of the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates were tonight notified that unless they removed their household goods from the streets before 1 o'clock tomorrow the property will be stored by the town authorities.

Nearly 100 of the 300 operatives evicted today slept on the streets tonight in little shacks made of their possessions. Most of these makeshift shelters were enclosed on three sides and had a cook stove on the fourth.

AUGUSTA SUES SOUTHERN.

Asks $50,000 for Destruction of a City Bridge.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 8.—The city council of Augusta today entered suit for $50,000 against the Southern Railway Company for the destruction of a city bridge which spanned the Savannah river. The suit was filed in the Federal court.

PRUDENCE

says buy a bottle of Gowan's Preparation and be prepared for croup, colds, pneumonia, coughs and sore throat. Gowan's prevents and cures by destroying inflammation and congestion. External and penetrating. $1.00, 50c, 25c. All druggists.

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THE South makes the best $3.50 shoe that money can buy or skilled labor put together. The South can well be proud of this fact, for it is a boast made good over generations of shoemakers in New England and all the other shoe sections combined.

$3.50 or $4.00 paid for a CRADDOCK SHOE will buy, for any Southern gentleman, more good leather, more style, more fit and better workmanship *than any other shoe manufacturer can afford to offer at this price.*

Why? Because climatic, living and labor conditions are more favorable than in New England. Because shoes can be shipped out of Lynchburg to any point in the South for less than from the West or New England. Because rents are less, Insurance is less, Taxes are less.

To sum it up in a few words—the makers of the CRADDOCK SHOE can give Southerners more value, detail for detail, point for point, more actual money value in leather, style, durability and comfort, at this price, than any other manufacturer in the world, because it actually costs less to do business. This saving is put into the wear and worth of the CRADDOCK SHOE.

To compete with these natural advantages and sell at the same price New England and Western makers scrimp and cut and shave the difference out of the shoes they send South.

In the hidden places they scalp a cent, a half cent, a fraction here and there. These make up the cost of competition—but what about the value of the shoe they offer?

The CRADDOCK SHOE—made by the most skilled, native, white labor—made from honest stock, —sold at an honest price, will wear thirty days longer than any other shoe at the same price.

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Successor to
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GOOD DAY FIELD TRIALS

All Age Stake Finished by Noon at Spray Yesterday.

Spray, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Virginia-Carolina field trials were continued here today, the members all-age stake being finished by noon. This stake had seventeen starters and competition was quite spirited. The winners in this stake were: First, Dick Swift, owned and handled by Dr. Leigh Buckner, Roanoke, Va. Second Dock Wtistone, owned and handled by J. H. Personger, Salem, Va. Third, Crown Prince II, owned and handled by Dr. Leigh Beckner, Roanoke. Fourth, Ben Greet, owned and handled by Charles B. Cooke, Richmond, Va.

The derby was begun after luncheon which was served at the quaint octagon-shaped clubhouse situated in the centre of the preserve. The derby had 18 starters and of these ten were run today. This stake will no doubt be finished tomorrow afternoon. Birds wer found plentiful.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have with me Mr. Olaf Golem, formerly of Christiania, Norway, but for the past three years of Baltimore and Washington. He comes recommended very highly as an expert watchmaker and engraver.

J. T. BURKE,
Jeweler and Optometrist.
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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 53 1-2 cents.

ROSIN—Market nothing doing.

TAR—Market, firm $2.00 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.80; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	24
Rosin	451
Tar	108
Crude turpentine	27

Receipts, same day last year 10 casks spirits turpentine; 306 barrels rosin; 92 barrels tar; 52 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Middling quiet 14 5-16 cents.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—1,184 bales, same day last year 1,810 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 4th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 28c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull 40@45c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8.—The bullish census report was followed by an increasingly active and excited market with business more than it has been at any time since the previous bull campaign culminated in November. Spring and summer months made new high records for the season and August an inactive position which has been selling and is still at a big discount advanced 48 points or 2.40 per bale.

Of the more active positions May cotton sold at 15.50 or 28 points net higher and 18 points above the previous high record made on November 3. The close was a few points off from the best under realizing but steady at a net advance of from 14 to 43 points on the general list. The market opened firm at an advance of 5 to 13 points and in spite of heavy realizing by old longs through Wall street houses showed a generally upward tendency until the high level was reached in the late trading when all the active months showed advances ranging from 17 to 31 points. Near positions were relatively quiet and rather slow in following the upward movement as all the fresh buying seemed to center on the spring or summer positions but reports of higher spot markets helped to put up these nearer deliveries and January contracts sold at 14.85 or 18 points net higher. The census report showing only 8,878,227 bales ginned to December 1st, against 11,008,601 to the same date last year was given a very bullish interpretation with operators on the long side claiming that it pointed to a government estimate on Friday of not over and probably under 10,100,000 bales. Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to 1-8c higher.

Receipts at the ports today were 32,903 bales against 34,642 last week and 69,187 last year. For the week 150,000 bales against 214,820 last week and 412,867 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 5,-203 bales against 19,501 last year and at Houston 6,335 bales against 20,942 last year.

Spot quiet 10 points higher; middling uplands 14.95; middling gulf 15.20; sales 500.

Futures opened firm and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	14.68	
January	14.72	14.81
February		14.95
March	15.07	15.21
April		15.30
May	15.30	15.46
June	15.18	15.32
July	15.27	15.46
August	14.35	14.50
September	13.38	13.55
October	13.00	13.10

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 14 1-2; net receipts 8,-899; stock 212,490.

New Orleans—Steady, 14 5-8; net receipts 5,263; stock 148,997.

Mobile—Steady, 14 5-8; net receipts 838; stock 44,359.

Savannah—Steady, 14 7-16; net receipts 4,156; stock 131,016.

Charleston—Steady, 14 7-16; net receipts 536; stock 39,671.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 7-16; net receipts 1,184; stock 14,100.

Norfolk—Steady, 14 11-16; net receipts 3,803; stock 34,988.

Baltimore—Nominal, 14 3-4; stock 18,041.

New York—Quiet, 14.95; stock 128,892.

Boston—Quiet, 14.95; net receipts 74.

Philadelphia—Steady, 15.20; stock 1,914.

Pensacola—Net receipts 150.

Port Arthur and Sabine Pass—Net receipts 8,000.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 12,-903; Great Britain 4,900; France 18,294; Continent 13,983; stock 781,666.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 130,033; Great Britain 46,760; France 34,948; Continent 50,702.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,429,387; Great Britain 1,195,-406; France 651,771; Continent 1,337,819; Japan 17,886; Mexico 8,775.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 14 11-16; net receipts 6,335; stock 104,979.

Augusta—Steady, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,-635; stock 67,211.

Memphis—Steady, 15 1-8; net receipts 2,-848; stock 204,282.

St. Louis—Steady, 15; net receipts 779; stock 40,575.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 215; stock 6,784.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 3-8; net receipts 321; stock 49,733.

Louisville—Firm, 15 1-8.

Total today—Net receipts 12,151; gross receipts 14,657; shipments 13,528; sales 6,-582; stock 473,270.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 8.—Spot in fair demand, prices 4 points higher. American middling fair 8.23; good middling 7.99; middling 7.-83; low middling 7.77; good ordinary 7.51; ordinary 7.35.

The sales of the day were 13,000 bales of which 1,000 were export and including 7,-000 American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady. December 7.72; December and January 7.-72; January and February 7.75; February and March 7.77 1-2; March and April 7.80-1-2; April and May 7.82 1-2; May and June 7.84; June and July 7.82 1-2; July and August 7.80 1-2; August and September 7.45; September and October 6.96 1-2; October and November 6.81; November and December 6.75.

DICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 8.—The census report on the amount of cotton ginned to December 1st, showed 8,878,000 bales counting round bales as half bales. This was construed as bullish and caused a maximum advance of about 27 points before the middle of the afternoon with the May option leading. The report was considered especially bullish because the National Ginners' Association which usually represents the extreme of bullishness made the figures 8,884,000 bales. President Taylor of the National ginners, issued a statement saying that the report foreshadowed the correctness of his estimate of the crop around 9,950,000 bales. There was heavy speculative buying and also buying by spot interests. Some of the big bulls took profits but did not bring about any reaction of importance. Southern spot markets were up one-sixteenth to one-eighth with no feature to demand. Liverpool sent bearish cables. Although expressing belief in the possibility of a slight further advance.

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DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8.—The holiday trade is growing very active in retail and jobbing stores. Cotton goods are firmer and better purchases are being made. Underwear, hosiery and silks are quiet.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8.—Prices of stocks moved upwards again today with periods of interruption and hesitation, a final reaction wiping out much of the gains.

The renewed operations on a large scale in United States Steel in a rising market had an important sentimental effect on the general tone. The idea persists amongst professional speculators that the price of steel is destined to rise to par sometime before Christmas. Its advance today to 92 1-8 has been unusually rapid. The buying of stocks was accompanied by professions of satisfaction with the tone of the President's message which was called moderate and conservative.

There was a show of strength in the soft coal carriers as a group, unexplained except on the ground of the small part taken by these stocks in previous advances.

The census bureaus figures on the amount of cotton ginned to December 1st was taken as having a widespread interest outside the actual cotton trade. The rapid picking of the crop gave the ginning figures early in the season as undue promise of the final results and the later figures have widened the discrepancy with former crops rapidly and bear out the facts in the trade that the shortage is more and more. The rise in price of cotton to the highest price of the season was considered appropriate to the report and significant also of the prevailing high level of prices in materials. The Western Union quarterly report of earnings proved unsatisfactory to some holders of the stock and the retention of the previous dividend rate seemed to bring some disappointment also.

The fall in Amalgamated Copper was an influence in the sharp reaction late in the day.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $5,135,000: United States 4s coupon declined 1-4 per cent. on call. Total sales today were 825,100 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8.—Money on call firm 4 3-4 to 5 per cent.; ruling late 4 3-4, closing bid 4 7-8, offered at 5. Time loans steady and fairly active; sixty days 4 3-4 to 5 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-2 to 5 per cent.; six month 4 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange easier with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8425 to 4.8430 for sixty day bills and at 4.8780 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 1-4 to 4.84. Bar silver 51 5-8. Mexican dollars 43.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	100 1-4
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	100 1-4
U. S. 3s, registered	101 1-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 1-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s coupon	115 3-4
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 7-8
American Agricultural 5s	101 5-8
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	104 1-4
American Tobacco 4s	78 1-4
American Tobacco 6s	106
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	98 3-4
Atchison gen 4s	99 7-8
Atchison cv 4s	121 1-4
Atchison cv 5s	121 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	94
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	93
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	89 3-4
Brooklyn Transit cv 4s	97 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	107 7-8
Central Leather 5s	98 1-4
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	124 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	104 1-2
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73 1-2
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	95 7-8
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	93 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col 4s	80 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 1-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry rfg 4s	91 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	83
Colorado Midland 4s	81 1-4
Col. & Southern ref & ext 4 1-2s	97 5-8
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	101 3-4
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94
Distillers 5s	74 1-2
Erie prior lien 4s	86
Erie Gen. 4s	75 3-4
Erie cv 4s series "A"	81 1-2
Erie cv series ""	72
General Electric cv 5s	148
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	84 1-4
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	77
Japan 4s	88 1-8
Japan 4 1-2s	94 3-8
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 7-8
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94 1-4
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	99 3-8
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99 1-2
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	99
Missouri Pacific 4s	89 1-4
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94
New York Central gen 3 1-2s	94
New York Central deb. 4s	95 7-8
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv 6s	133 5-8
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98 1-2
Norfolk & Western cv 4s	101
Northern Pacific 4s	105
Northern Pacific 3s	73
Oregon Short Line rfg 4s	93 1-2
Penn. cv 3 1-2s (1915)	95 3-4
Penn. Con. 4s	104 5-8
Reading Gen. 4s	99 3-8
St. Louis & San Fran. fg. 4s	84 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	89 1-8
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	80
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 3-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84
Southern Pacific col. 4s	84
Southern Pacific col. 4s	90 1-2
Southern Pacific cv 4s	102 1-2
Southern P. L. R. 1st ref 4s	94 7-8
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-4
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81
Union Pacific 4s	102 5-8
Union Pacific cv 4s	115 1-2
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	98
U. S. Rubber 6s	104
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	103 1-4
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	97 1-2
Wabash 1st 5s	111 3-4
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76
Western Md., 4s	84
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	93 3-4
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-2

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54 5-8
Amalgamated Copper	86 7-8
American Agricultural	43 1-2
American Beet Sugar	47
American Can pfd	84 1-4
American Car & Foundry	72
American Cotton Oil	68
American Hide & Leather pfd	47
American Ice securities	28
American Linseed	15 1-4
American Locomotive	61 1-4
American Smelting & Ref'ng	98 7-8
Amer. Smelting & Ref'ng pfd	111 1-2
American Sugar Refining	123 7-8
American Tel. & Tel.	140 3-4
American Tobacco pfd	98
American Woolen	35 1-4
Anaconda Mining Co.	48 7-8
Atchison	121 5-8
Atchison pfd	104 3-8
Atlantic Coast Line	134
Baltimore & Ohio	116 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91
Bethlehem Steel	34
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	81 3-4
Canadian Pacific	180 7-8
Central Leather	47 1-4
Central Leather pfd	108 3-4
Central of New Jersey	312
Chesapeake & Ohio	88 1-4
Chicago Great Western	10 3-4
Chicago & Northwestern	177
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	153
C. C. C. & St. Louis	75
Colorado Fuel & Iron	50 1-4
Colorado & Southern	37 1-8
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	150 3-8
Corn Products	21 1-2
Delaware & Hudson	182 5-8
Denver & Rio Grande	40 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	86
Distillers' Securities	36
Erie	33 3-4
Erie 1st pfd	48 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd	39 1-4
General Electric	159
Great Northern pfd	142 3-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80 3-4
Illinois Central	146 1-2
Interborough Met	25 1-8
Interborough Met pfd	62 1-4
Inter Harvester	108
Inter Marine pfd	24 5-8
International Paper	15 1-4
International Pump	51 3-4
Iowa Central	20 3-8
Kansas City Southern	43 1-2
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-2
Louisville & Nashville	151
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53 1-4
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	135
Missouri Pacific	70 3-4
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	47 1-2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	73 3-8
National Biscuit	116 1-2
National Lead	88
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	57
New York Central	126 7-8
New York, Ontario & Western	49 1-4
Norfolk & Western	98 1-4
North American	83
Northern Pacific	143 1-2
Pacific Mail	43 1-2
Pennsylvania	131 1-4
People's Gas	114 1-4
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	95 1-2
Pressed Steel Car	52 1-4
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	50
Reading	170 5-8
Republic Steel	46 5-8
Republic Steel pfd	106 1-8
Rock Island Co.	39 7-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	88 1-8
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	60
St. Louis Southwestern	34 1-8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80 1-2
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	88
Southern Pacific	120 1-2
Southern Railway	31 5-8
Southern Railway pfd	70 1-4
Tennessee Copper	39 1-2
Texas & Pacific	35
Toledo, St. Louis & West	33 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd	60 3-4
Union Pacific	200 3-4
Union Pacific pfd	102 3-4
United States Realty	82
United States Rubber	53
United States Steel	91 1-8
United States Steel pfd	124 7-8
Utah Copper	58 1-2
Virginia Carolina Chemical	48 3-8
Wabash	20 7-8
Wabash pfd	56 5-8
Western Maryland	44
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8
Westinghouse Electric	83 7-8
Western Union	77 3-4
Wisconsin Central	49
Standard Oil Co.	655

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8.—Flour firm with demand disappointing.

Rye Flour, Corn Meal and Rye—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Wheat—Irregular; No. 2 red 1.25 1-2 asked elevator, No. 2 red 1.25 nominal fob afloat. Options closed 1-2 to 1c net higher. December 1.18 1-2; May 1.15; July 1.06.

Corn—Steady; No. 2, 71 1-2 elevator, domestic 72 nominal delivered and 66 fob afloat. Options closed 1-8c net higher. December 69 5-8; May 70.

Oats—Spot firm; Mixed nominal.

Lard—Easy.

Pork, Tallow, Petroleum, Rice and Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.81-1-2; refined steady.

Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 8 1-2 nominal; Santos No. 4, 8 3-4. Mild quiet Cordova 9 to 11 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged.

Butter—Steady, creamery held 28 to 32 1-2.

Cheese—Firmer; state, new full, cream, special 17 1-2 to 18; do September fancy 17; do October best 16 1-2; do late made best 15 1-2; do common to good 13 to 15-1-4; skims full to special 5 to 14 1-2.

Eggs—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery brown and mixed fancy 37 to 40.

Potatoes—Steady; Southern sweets per barrel 1.25 to 1.75.

Cabbages—Firm. Danish seed per ton 12.00 to 15.00; domestic 7.00 to 10.00; red 20.00 to 25.00.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

The cotton seed oil market was quiet with sales of 7,900 barrels. Prices for the active positions were steady at 1 to 19 points advance on the strength in cotton and crude but the demand for actual oil was small and December spot were 2 to 4 points lower; January 6.98 to 7.00; March 7.13 to 7.1-; May 7.20 to 7.21. Prime crude 6.00 bid; do summer yellow 6.90 to 7.00; do winter yellow 7.00 to 7.45; do summer white 7.00 to 7.30.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Revived fears of serious damage by frost to the Argentine crop supplanted the government report in the market today and caused advances of 3-4 to 2c from the low point of the session. The close was strong at almost the top. Corn and oats also closed strong, while provisions were steady.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 07 1-2	1 09	1 09
May	1 07 3-8	1 08 3-8	1 08
July	98 1-4	98 7-8	98 3-4
Corn—			
Dec.	58 1-4	58 5-8	58 3-4
May	61 3-4	62 1-4	62 1-8
July	61 1-4	61 3-4	61 5-8
Oats—			
Dec.	41 1-4	41 3-4	41 5-8
May	43 1-8	43 5-8	43 1-2
July	40 7-8	41	41
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 55		
May	20 72 1-2	21 57 1-2	21 42 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—		20 77 1-2	20 70
Jan.	12 42 1-2	12 47 1-2	12 40
May	11 57 1-2	11 65	11 57 1-2
July	11 50	11 52 1-2	11 47 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	11 45	11 45	11 37 1-2
May	10 77 1-2	10 87 1-2	10 80

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 8.—Rosin steady; turpentine firm.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 8.—Turpentine firm 54 3-4; sales 3.06; receipts 528; shipments 152. Rosin firm; sales 3,101; receipts 2,521; shipments 541; stock 141,584. Quote A. B. C. D. E. 3.80 to 3.82 1-2; F. 3.82 1-2; G. 3.82 to 3.85; H. 4.12 1-2; I. 4.00; K. 5.00; M. 5.85; N. 6.10; WG, 6.25; WW. 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 8.—Turpentine firm 54 3-4; sales 3,06; receipts 528; shipments 152. Rosin firm; sales 3,101; receipts 2,521; shipments 541; stock 141,584. Quote A. B. C. D. E. 3.80 to 3.82 1-2; F. 3.85; G. 3.85 to 3.90; H. 4.05 to 4.12 1-2; I. 4.00; K. 5.00; M. 5.85; N. 6.10; WG, 6.25; WW. 6.75.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 8, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—130 bales cotton, 1 barrel rosin, 36 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—372 bales cotton, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—202 bales cotton, 1 casks spirits turpentine, 343 barrels rosin, barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—231 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine 343 barrels rosin, 56 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—30 bales cotton, 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—10 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 90 barrels rosin, 10 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Total—1,184 bales cotton, 24 casks spirits turpentine, 451 barrels rosin, 108 barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

West Point (Br.) Roche, 3,074 tons, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Mourino (It.) 2,522 tons, Revello, Heide & Co.

Manchester Exchange, 2,649 tons, Adamson, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Blanche (Br.) 163 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Mary A. Hall, 341 tons, Haskell, C. D. Maffitt (in distress.)

Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Grimth, C. D. Maffitt.

Helvetia, 424 tons Bernet, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie B. Bonhannan, 379 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Lejok, 297 tons, Smith, C. D. Maffitt.

Do Not Forget Us

When searching for Christmas presents. We are showing quite a variety of articles suitable for gifts for children, gentlemen and ladies. Our stock of handkerchiefs cannot be surpassed.

New goods arriving daily.

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Sole agents for Dr. Jaeger's Underwear and Redfern Corsets.

School Shoes for Boys and Girls

Try our Buster Brown Shoes. They look best and wear so much longer.

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A full and complete line for Fall. All the new shades and colors. A look at our line before you buy will be appreciated. Sole Agent Holeproof Sox and Stockings. Now is the time to lay in your Fall supply.

J. W. H. FUCHS

123 to 134 S. Front St.

Hunters and Lumbermen will appreciate these Boots. They are soft and pliable, yet strong and serviceable. Colors tan and Black.

$4.00 to $6.50

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203 North Front St. Wilmington, N. C.

The

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Opposite Postoffice. Organized 1905.

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Surplus and Profits	145,000.00
Total Assets	2,225.000.00

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Opposite Union Depot.

European Plan.

Most convenient to traveling men. Elegant rooms, good service, personal attention. Our restaurant service satisfies a large number daily. Why not you?

CIESCHEN BROS., Props.

no 27 tf

Santa Claus

Has Arrived and Is Stopping at

GAYLORD'S

BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

and such things as he did not bring with him will come on this week's steamer. There will be beautiful Toys for the little children.

Splendid things for big children in rare and lustrous Furs, from $1.98 to $35.00

Also a large and magnificent assortment of Ladies Coat Suits from $5.98 to $35.00

Evening Capes, $1.75 to $10.00

One-piece Dresses of exquisite style and shape.

The season's Bargain in Ladies' Hats.

Monday's steamer will bring from New York 200 black silk velvet Hats of the newest shape and style. (I bought them while in New York last Wednesday at a great reduction.) These Hats are worth in any market $5.00 to $7.50. We shall sell them from $2.25 to..$3.50

No such hat value has everbefore been offered in this city.

We picked up many a bargain while in New York during the last ten days and they will all come by this week's steamer, in time for the holiday trade.

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The best on the market. Have now in stock, ready for delivery,

3,100 RODS

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Both 6 and 12-inch stays. Can make satisfactory prices.

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9,000 barels Fancy Patent Flour bought on lowest market, a portion of which has arrived and must be sold to make room for more which is now on the way.

Also have in stock 2,000 bags rice, all grades, and 100 barrels medium mullets, all of which will be sold under the present market quotations.

Purchasers will therefore, find it to their advantage to see me before placing their orders.

J. W. BROOKS,

Wholesale Grocer. Wilmington, N. C.

no 28 1m

COLUMBUS BUGGIES

The $135. Kind. Top, Rubber Tires for one week $115.00 is the offer we are making to cash buyers.

CITY LIVERY COMPANY

Repository 112 North Second Street.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 9, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Temperature at 8 A. M. 41 degrees; 8 P. M. 44 degrees; maximum 53 degrees; minimum 41 degrees; mean 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .15 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Tuesday 1.0 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, continued cold Thursday and Friday; light northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 9.

Sun Rises.....7:06 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:03 P. M.
Day's Length.....10 hrs. 7 min.
High water at Southport 5:52 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 8:52 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Free.
Academy of Music—The Red Mill.
J. M. Solky & Co.—This Week.
A. O. Schuster—Holiday Presentation.
S. P. Collier—In Bankruptcy.
Academy of Music—The Climax.
Monnet—Special Display.
St. John's Lodge—Emergent Communication.

Business Locals.

Hilton Lumber Co.—Comfort at Home.
Cook & Davis—Buyer For Printery.
Wanted—Lady for Linen Room.

SUGAR FRAUD NOTHING NEW.

Cheating the Government as Shown in Trial in New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—Underweighing sugar and cheating the government out of duty is not a new art according to testimony introduced today as the government continued its prosecution of six former employes of the American Sugar Refining Company.

James Conlon, a former customs weigher, testified that although he had apprised his superiors of the existence of fraud more than ten years ago, nothing was done to punish the guilty persons until after the death of H. O. Havemeyer.

Thomas Kehoe, one of the defendants, was implicated by Conlon's testimony when the latter swore that on two occasions he had seen Kehoe manipulating the scales by a special appliance. He seized the instrument, so he testified, but in the first instance returned it after Kehoe had pleaded with him. Later, he testified, he reported the matter but it brought no results.

The sugar fraud cases were the subject of a caustic resolution adopted today by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation urging that the "most searching and impartial proceedings should be prosecuted to the utmost limit," against all those found to be involved in the alleged conspiracy to defraud the government.

Collector Loeb and other government officials, who assisted him in bringing to light the alleged fraudulent practices were highly commended by the board.

OLDFIELD'S GREAT RECORD.

Made a Spectacular Drive—Hands Froze to His Benz.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 8.—With his face wrapped in woolen bandages and wearing heavy fur gloves and fur overcoat, Barney Oldfield drove his 120 horse power Benz racer in the teeth of a Texas northerner this afternoon and broke the 50 miles world's circular track record which has stood for over five years.

He covered the half circle in 47:18 as against the old mark of 48:40 1-5 made by himself in Fresno, Cal., in 1904. Oldfield got inside the previous record of 30 miles and broke every mark to the end of the run.

Oldfield's drive was spectacular. The track was frozen in places and the radiator of his car was filled with alcohol as the only preventive against freezing. At the finish of the drive Oldfield's hands had to be pulled loose from the steering wheel by his assistant, having been affected by the intense cold at so high a speed.

H. R. Green, member of the American Automobile Association contest board acted as referee and as the meeting was sanctioned the record will be accepted as official.

MAJOR CLINTON WOOD DEAD.

Bristol Citizen Who Had Notable War Record—Legislator.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 8.—Major Henry Clinton Wood, a distinguished citizen of Bristol, who made a notable record in the Confederate service in the Civil war, died tonight, aged 72. He participated in 42 engagements in the Civil war and was wounded at Chancellorsville.

One of his prized trophies of the war was a large Federal flag, which he captured at Gettysburg. It is still in the possession of the Wood family and bears the name of Colonel W. D. Lewis, Jr., of the 110th Pennsylvania regiment. Major Wood was for two terms State Senator and was Speaker of that body in 1881-82.

ITCHING IRRITATION.

Worst Form of Skin Trouble Quickly Cured by Inexpensive Treatment.

When you suffer with any skin trouble, even though the itching seems unbearable, do not think that it is necessary to use some disgusting greasy ointment. Try Hokara, a pure and simple skin food, that is guaranteed to contain no grease or acids and which is so cleanly that it does not soil the linen.

Its power to instantly relieve any irritation of the skin and make it soft white and beautiful is almost miraculous.

Not only are minor skin troubles, like pimples, blackheads, ache, barber's itch, etc., quickly cured, but the worst ulcers or cases of salt rheum or eczema are cleaned and healed by this wonderful skin food.

In order that any one may try Hokara at small expense, J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. are selling a liberal sized jar at 25 cents, and in addition guarantee to refund the money if the treatment does not do all that is claimed for it. Larger size 50 cents.

If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

BAPTISTS BUSY

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ally he would be ignorant of the great fundamentals of Baptist doctrine had it not been that he had spent 14 years in the editorial rooms of the Biblical Recorder. He said also in this connection that when Baptists cease to be doctrinal they cease to be distinctive and when Baptists cease to be distinctive, they cease to be. If this teaching of Baptist principles of doctrine can be secured in the Sunday Schools, he said there would be no limit to the effectiveness of the denomination.

Mr. Bailey urged the preparation and publication of literature by the Sunday School Board of the Baptist denomination that can be used as text books in the Sunday Schools in studying Baptist principles of doctrine. He said he had no patience with strife, but that Baptists must preserve identity as a denomination, and that if the proper literature is provided in the Sunday Schools, the next generation of Baptists will know they are Baptists and why. The literature already prepared for use in the Sunday School he said is all right as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough.

Mr. Bailey in closing paid a high tribute to Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., who is the editor of the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. He referred to the influence of Dr. Frost upon himself, and said that he rejoiced in the fact that while Dr. Frost is an old man, his usefulness increases with his age. "I like to see men increase in usefulness after they have passed the dead line of age," he said. "I like to see men throw Osler in the middle of the sea as Dr. Frost and Dr. Hufham are doing every year in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dr. Van Ness Speaks.

Rev. I. J. Van Ness, D. D., Educational Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the next speaker. He also spoke in the interest of the Sunday School. He said that carrying on the responsible work of the Sunday School. He said that in carrying and said that men have to have strategy in the Kingdom of God as well as they have to have consecration. He insisted that if Baptists are not to lose their power their Sunday Schools must increase in membership and overrun the membership of the churches. "I believe in the co-operation of independent people; then if I don't get my own it is my fault and not the fault of another."

Speaking of the best use to be made of the Sunday School, he said the best use should be made because everything in the world depends on the test furnished by the attitude toward the child, and that Baptists are under suspicion as to their attitude toward the child. "Our conception of the child," he said, "differs from the conception of every other denomination. Practically all others believe the child to be in the kingdom of God until it does something itself to put it out of the kingdom. We Baptists have to stand against the world in holding that the child to enter the kingdom of God must take a stand in answer to its own confession of Jesus Christ. I never believed any man came to the Baptists, unless he came with his wife, without wanting to do what the Bible teaches, and while the Sunday School isn't perfect, it is the best means to use in teaching the Bible. When it comes to pass that we have a Bible knowing pulpit and the few ignorant of the Bible, 'Ichabod' will be written above us. If we neglect the Sunday School, we throw away our best opportunity as Baptists."

Remraks by Others.

There were remarks from several other members of the Convention, referring to the Sunday School. Rev. J. L. White, D. D., urged the need of literature stamped with the Sunday School, because all Baptists are not in sympathy with the Baptist Young People's Union.

Rev. E. L. Middleton said that the secret of corporate power lies in perfect organization and perfect co-operation.

Ministerial Education.

Prof. C. M. Beach read the report on Ministerial Education and the Seminary and said after reading the report that it was a well established fact that most young men who answer the call to the ministry enter with meagre equipment unless aided by the fund established to meet the needs of such cases. He referred also to the fact that the time was when the ministry of the Baptist denomination was regarded as the most illiterate of any denomination, but said he was glad to say that time had passed, and Baptist pastors are now recognized as standing in the forefront. He said further that no religious body in the State today is more capable of meeting difficult problems than is the Baptist State Convention.

Prof. Beach spoke next of the recommendations of the report, which were as follows: 1. Prayer for more men of the right kind to enter the ministry. 2. That churches be more careful in licensing men to preach. 3. Commend the action of the Board to stand all expenses in the college education of students needing such aid. 4. Discourage the use of tobacco by young ministers.

Prof. Beach in closing said: "I am not willing that we spend one cent to educate a cigarette fiend to preach the gospel." There were a number of "Amens" to this remark.

Baptist Seminary.

Mr. J. W. Bailey was called upon to speak to the Convention on the interest of the Baptist Theological Seminary. He said in this connection that he believed there was no need for concern about the lack of young men now entering the ministry, and if there was cause for concern the Seminary could not supply the need. Other professions he said were an art, but the call to preach is both an art and an incarnation, and men have nothing to do with the incarnation, that part of his call lying between a man and his God. How to get men into the ministry he said was not man's problem. He said further that the Seminary is a means of enrichment of the pulpit, and stands not only for ministerial scholarship. "I believe in ministerial scholarship," said he; "only so far as preaching stands above scholarship. Had I 14 million dollars I would not give one dollar to the Chicago University. I have no fuss with the doctrine of that University, but I wish it would not label itself a Baptist institution."

Rev. B. H. DeMent, D. D. Professor of Sunday School Pedagogy in the Seminary, was the next speaker. He began by saying he believed in doctrinal soundness, and that it was Methodist theology and doctrine that made him a Baptist. Speaking of the work of the Seminary he said he believed in being distinctly Baptist and that at the Seminary effort was made to keep generally orthodox, within the limit of the Book of books.

A collection was taken for ministerial aid at the Seminary, the amount of which was not announced at the morning session.

The morning session adjourned at 1 o'clock, with the benediction.

Afternoon Session.

Rev. J. D. Hufham called the Convention to order for the afternoon session. President Dowd arrived a few minutes later and took the chair.

Quite a number of Baptist ministers were recognized and welcomed, these having become pastors in the State since the last meeting of the Convention. Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. R. M. Mann, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in Wadesboro, were introduced and spoke to the Convention.

President Dowd appointed the standing committees of the Convention.

Rev. E. E. Bomar, D. D., addressed the Convention in the interest of the formation of a Ministerial Relief Association.

Ministers' Relief.

Rev. J. M. McDuffie read the report of the Ministers' Relief Board. This report showed that during the past year 37 beneficiaries have been aided by the Board, but the Board had only $5,163.55 to expend in this way. Several members of the Convention spoke to this report emphasizing the urgent need of liberality to this worthy cause.

Dr. Hufham Speaks.

Rev. J. D. Hufham said in this connection that no man who lives for his calling, whether that calling be the ministry or some other, accumulated much with which to meet the demands of old age. This was due he said to the fact that the unselfish man gives what he makes to his work rather than keeping it for himself. He said in closing that it was justice and not charity for the denomination to care for the men who have worn themselves out in the work of the ministry

Home For Aged Ministers.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Convention to consider the matter of establishing a home for aged ministers reported the plan unadvisable. The report was adopted.

Several liberal contributions to ministerial relief were made at this session.

Woman's Work.

The last hours of the afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of the report on Woman's Work.

The convention adjourned at 5 o'clock, Rev. C. L. Greaves pronouncing the benediction.

The order of business for tomorrow is as follows: 9 A. M., Devotional Exercises; 9:30 A. M., Biblical Recorder; 10:30 A. M., State Missions; 12:30 P. M., Adjournment; 2:30 P. M., Laymen's Movement; 3 P. M., Orphanage; 3:15 P. M., Report of Board of Trustees; 4 P. M., Obituaries; 7:30 P. M., Home Missions.

The convention quartette composed of members of the Wake Forest faculty adds much to the pleasure of the sessions, rendering beautiful selections of song from time to time.

Rev. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wilmington, preached tonight in the Methodist church.

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WANTED—A lady for the linen room at The Orton; small salary, but a good home for the right party. J. H. Hinton, Proprietor. de 8 3t

FIRE your cook stoves, heaters and open fire places with our kiln dried blocks and split pine wood. Best value in heat on the market, $1 per load cash delivered. Hilton Lumber Co., 'phone 321. de 8 3t

WANTED—To sell $5,000 worth of diamonds, watches, bracelets and all kinds of jewelry at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 8 tf

VENISON TODAY—Nice Large Buck to be cut up and sold; also best of all other meats and sausage. Fresh vegetables and fruits. Also oysters, fresh every day. Give us your orders. Palace Market. Phones 72 and 873. de 8 tf

FURNISHED rooms for rent with or without board. 225 Market street. de 7 1w

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FOR SALE—National Cash Register; practically new; price low. Address Cash, care Star. de 8 1w

TO THE PUBLIC—Fish, oysters, clams, open or in the shell. 'Phone 1788, third bench, Front street Fish Market. L. M. Sandlin. de 7 2w*

ANOTHER LARGE SERIES of stock was opened Saturday by the People's Building and Loan Association. Those desiring stock in this, the 12th series, should get same at once, books open this week only. D. R. Foster, secretary and treasurer, office 206 Princess street. de 5 tf

ANY DOCTOR or firm desiring small set of books kept, and statements prepared; as outside work. Work satisfactory and charges reasonable. Address "Experience" care Star office. de 2 6t*

NOTICE—If the person who took a black, light-weight, silk lined overcoat with Browning & King's name, makers, New York, on lapel and left an old one in the place of same about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at Union Station, will return to R. T. Windley, 114 Princess street, he can get his old one and $10 besides. de 8 3t

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six white barbers at "The Orton" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. no 24 1m.

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

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SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vadadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

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LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc. to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

WANTED—One salesman in each town to handle one of the best paying propositions on the market. Address Box 196, Statesville, N. C. de 8 6t*

WHITE BOY 18 or 19 years old wanted to work in wholesale dry goods store. Apply to Box 354, City. de 7 3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

In the matter of L. C. McDuffie, Bankrupt in Bankruptcy.

To the Honorable Henry G. Connor, Judge of the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of North Carolina:

At Fayetteville, N. C., in said district, on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1909, now comes L. C. McDuffie, the above named bankrupt, and respectfully represents to the Court that, after he had been examined in open Court, and had filed in Court a Schedule of his property and a list of his creditors, as required by law, he offered terms of composition to his creditors, which terms have been accepted in writing by a majority in number of all creditors whose claims have been allowed, which number represents a majority in amount of such claims; that the consideration to be paid by the bankrupt to his creditors, the money necessary to pay all debts which have priority, and the costs of the proceedings, amounting in all to the sum of $1,200.00 Dollars, has been deposited subject to the order of the Judge, in the Murchison National Bank of Wilmington, a designated depository of money in bankruptcy cases.

Wherens, the said L. C. McDuffie asks that the said composition may be confirmed by the Court. L. C. McDUFFIE, Bankrupt

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina—Fourth Division.

In the matter of L. C. McDuffie Involuntary Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy. No. 156.

An Application for the confirmation of the composition offered by the bankrupt having been filed in court, and it appearing that the composition has been accepted by a majority in number of creditors whose claims have been allowed and of such allowed claims; and the consideration and the money required by law to be deposited, having been deposited as ordered, in such place as was designated by the judge of said court, and subject to his order; and it also appearing that it is for the best interests of the creditors; and that the bankrupt has not been guilty of any of the acts or failed to perform any of the duties which would be a bar to his discharge, and that the offer and its acceptance are in good faith and have not been made or procured by any means, promises, or acts contrary to the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy;

It is Ordered that a creditors meeting be called for December 20th 1909, at Wilmington, N. C., U. S. Court Room, at 11 o'clock A. M., to consider the said application, and that a notice to show cause why said composition should not be confirmed, be mailed to all creditors of record and be published in The Star, a newspaper published in Wilmington, N. C.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Wilmington, N. C., this 8th day of December, A. D., 1909.

SAM. P. COLLIER, Clerk.

de 9 1t.

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Emergent Communication this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the degree of FELLOW CRAFT. Members of this and sister lodges are requested to meet with us.

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